



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

Just east of the Luna Mansion, the Village owns one acre of property which has been master planned for a Route 66 Museum and Visitors Center.

During the Route 66 era in 1926-1937, the site was home to the Acoma Service Station and motor lodge cabins for travelers; later, the property was reopened as the Country Inn. Today, there are two houses remaining on the site – the brown house was built in the 1960s and is in fair condition, and the white house was built in the 1910s/20s, with an addition in the 1960s, and is in very poor condition.

Following direction from the Village Council, staff have worked for the past year to determine whether the white house can be rehabilitated. After consultation with two different contractors, it appears that there is significant damage to the adobe walls throughout the structure which would require large areas to be completely rebuilt.

The foundation is in need of extensive repairs as well, with severe sloping towards the outer walls. An accurate cost estimate is not possible without beginning the reconstruction work, as the full extent of the damage is not immediately visible.

In light of this information, the Village has determined to demolish this structure, and will be obtaining quotes this year.

There have been break-ins and vandalism at the property in recent months which the Village is concerned will create a safety issue. The demolition does not impact the plan to create a future Route 66 Museum, although this project is not currently budgeted or scheduled.

## MONTHLY BLOOD DONATIONS

Vitalant will hold monthly blood donations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 4th Monday of every month at the Los Lunas Transportation Center, located at 101 Courthouse Road.

To schedule an appointment to donate contact [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or call 877 25-VITAL.

## PANCAKES FOR A CAUSE

The Los Lunas Rotary Club's annual "Pancakes for a Cause" breakfast fundraiser will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Ribs Restaurant, 120 Nelson Lane.

The food includes pancakes, bacon, eggs, juice and coffee with tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The event raises funds for the Los Lunas club's long-time service project Clothes for Kids, and other youth programs and opportunities.

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# ARCHIVAL COLLABORATIVE GATHERING

The Valencia County Archival Collaborative is a relationship among entities that are interested in preserving the unpublished historical records of the diverse and often underrepresented residents of Valencia County.

The initial collaborative members are the Belen Public Library, the Los Lunas Public Library, the Valencia County Historical Society, the Pueblo of Isleta Department of Cultural Affairs, UNM-Valencia and UNM New Mexico Digital Collections.

The collaborative seeks to form relationships with community researchers, historians, and family members to have a participatory historical experience and diversify the rich tapestry of the archives in their foundational state.

This collaborative seeks community input in the processes of exhibit creation, presentations, highlighting of the interests and perspectives of the members who are the primary stakeholders of these institutions.

Come meet the Valencia County Archive Collaborative 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, August 22, at the UNM Valencia Workforce Training Center, Room 1106, 1020 Huning Ranch Loop NW in Los Lunas.

The Collaborative wants to meet and interact with those involved and interested in the archival collections. Collaborative members hope to make county residents feel comfortable with and important to the archival history of our area.

# LLPD ANNUAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Village of Los Lunas Police Department annual report is now available online at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

The contents of the 2021 report are divided into:

- Chief's Message
- Organizational Chart
- Calls For Service Stats
- Alternative Revenue
- Arrests by type
- Incidents by Type
- Response to Resistance
- Citizen Complaints
- K-9 Statistics
- Staff Photos
- Recruiting

Police Chief Frank. E. Lucero points out that the volume of calls for the LLPD continue to increase and Los Lunas has the highest call volume of any agency in Valencia County. Professional Standards are very important to all members of the LLPD.

Lucero says Professional Standards Lieutenant Lisa Valenzuela was instrumental in the agency's re-accreditation process this year. As a result, the department was successfully re-accredited with the New Mexico Municipal League.

Accreditation is a significant achievement as it provides structure and discipline within the police department through standardized operating procedures. These operating procedures ensure decreased liability and stronger community relations through transparency and accountability to the public.

Lieutenant Valenzuela also helped obtain alternative revenue grant funding to help provide officers with the necessary equipment to help better protect community.

Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) dispatched 104,417 total calls for service in 2021.

The Village of Los Lunas represented the highest call volume at 33.1% of all calls for service. This is Los Lunas Fire and Police Departments combined.

Annual calls for service increased across all agencies in Valencia County 14.2% from 2020.

The criminal investigations team has investigated numerous felony crimes throughout the year, processing scenes and closing many cases by making arrests or filing charges. The team has also conducted multiple background investigations on applicants and conducted recruiting selection and hiring assignments.

The auto theft unit has investigated many auto thefts and auto burglaries. Additionally, they have worked several successful undercover operations, deploying bait cars within the community, recovering stolen vehicles and making arrests.

## VILLAGE WEBSITE TIDBITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Los Lunas website has a wide variety of information. For the next months the Village Newsletter will feature tidbits of information from the Village website.

Spend some time exploring the website. You might be surprised by the information you find.

Website information about Village Economic Development, Los Lunas is a friendly, pro-development community located 20 minutes south from downtown Albuquerque, 15 minutes from the International Sunport and easily accessed off the major I-25 Interstate that runs north and south through the State of New Mexico.

Over the past 40 years, Los Lunas' population increase makes us one of the fastest growing communities in New Mexico. This is no doubt due to our ease of doing business where not only do we offer competitive incentives but our speed-to-market capability for both commercial and residential projects is a top priority.

Some of our largest employers are the Los Lunas Meta (Facebook) Data Center campus, Walmart Distribution Center, Wall Colmonoy, Niagara Bottling, Accurate Machine & Tool, Party Outlaw, and Fresenius Medical Care distribution, amongst other businesses across various industries and national retailers.

The University of New Mexico Workforce Training Center recently opened its doors. Located down the street from our three industrial parks and a short distance from I-25, this unique 19,000 SF facility will accommodate classrooms, computer labs, a vocational lab, a Small Business Development Office, and tutoring areas.

They will offer classes and training focused on manufacturing and industry, as well as "soft" skills that are needed in the workforce. Here you will be able to train your newest New Mexico employees for the specific skills they need to get the job done quickly, safely, and efficiently.

We might look like a small community but with over 2,000 acres of available commercial and industrial land across three business parks with direct access to two major interstates as well as rail, there are big possibilities to be had here in the Village of Los Lunas.

And keep in mind that one of the taglines for the Village is A Community That Works.

## MAIN STREET TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE SYNCED

Meta Data Center will pay to synchronize the traffic lights along NM Highway 6 to help promote a better flow of traffic as part of the Village's agreement with the company (Meta is formerly known as Facebook).

The synchronization will be implemented on NM Highway 6, also known as Main Street, from Los Morros Road to Carson Drive which is about three miles of state highway.

New developments must address traffic concerns using their own money, and the improvements have been coming after development created increased congestion on Village roadways.

In Los Lunas traffic lights along Main Street do not communicate with each other because they were installed at different times.

The \$675,000 provided by Meta will let the Village purchase a new centralized traffic system which will allow officials to adjust the signals in real time for peak traffic flow.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation will install the project and it is believed installation will start this summer with the system fully operational six months after installation.

Other traffic projects planned in coordination with Meta and the New Mexico Department of Transportation target the Interstate 25 corridor.

The Village wants to add two additional turn lanes in the I-25 corridor -- a right turn lane off I-25 southbound going westbound on NM Highway 6 and a left turn lane from NM Highway 6 E to northbound I-25.

The Village is also considering an assured intersection at NM Highway 6 and Sun Ranch Village Road to help control backups on the state highway. A traffic study is being conducted to figure out what type of shared lights would work best for the intersection.

# MORE THAN JUST BOOKS . . .

Los Lunas Public Library is More Than Just Books . . . is the title of a 2022-2023 publication about the Village of Los Lunas Public Library.

“Bringing information, ideas, and people together to build a stronger community” is the mission statement for the library.

A definition for the library includes the Los Lunas Public Library will be the driving force behind a powerful culture of learning that will inspire patrons from all walks of life to continually learn, share, and seek out new knowledge in ways that are beneficial to themselves, their community, and the world.

## Priorities of the Los Lunas Public Library

**Customer Service** People are our top priority. We offer welcoming personalized service to everyone who visits us in person, online, and by telephone.

**Education & Discovery** Providing residents with educational and recreational experiences needed to succeed as citizens, students, and parents.

**Innovation** Embracing technology and understanding our communities. We seize opportunities to contribute toward a healthier and more vibrant Valencia County.

**Community Engagement** Bringing people, organizations, and ideas together through our cultural heritage and art.

## Guiding Principles of the Los Lunas Public Library

- We provide equal access to a vast range of information and resources.
- We actively embrace new ways to adapt the Library to the changing needs of the people we serve.
- We offer collections that are of interest to our users in ways that are most convenient for them.
- We are passionate about providing library service to our community.
- We conduct all interactions with respect and can be counted on to do the right thing in a fair and equitable manner.

The publication is available on the Village website.

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# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## BACK TO SCHOOL

It's that time of year again  
– Back to School

Looking cool can be accomplished in Los Lunas by using a local barber shop or salon.

Here's some to try!

**Chop Shop**  
920 NM Highway 6  
505 550-0760

**Kingdom Barbershop**  
1651 Main St SW  
505 306-8367

**Marios Barbershop**  
2210 Sun Ranch Vlg Lp  
505 550-9473

**Mike's Barber Shop**  
2235 Main St NE Suite-B  
505 508-1546

**Salons:**  
**Another U Hair Studio**  
601 Main St SE #13  
505 565-4679

**Cactus Rose Salon & Spa**  
2060 Main St NE1  
(505) 539-5181

**Casa Bonita Salon**  
351 Courthouse Rd  
505 865-7376

**Curl Up and Dye**  
3414 NM Hwy 47  
505 480-0878

**Le Salon**  
1651 Main St SW Ste. C  
505 433-4659

**Salina's Hot Spot**  
435 Main St SW  
505 865-6530

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Monday, September 5, 2022**

Labor Day  
Village Offices Closed  
Monday, September 5, 2022  
Garbage collected  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

**Farmers Market**  
Tuesdays 4 – 7 p.m.  
Heritage Park on Lambros Loop  
Across from Smiths Grocery  
Fresh locally produced items

## Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, August 11 & 25, 2022  
6 p.m. Thursday, September 8 & 22, 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).

## BATTERIES PLUS IS HERE

Batteries Plus is now open at 1402 Main Street NW, corner of Main Street / NM Highway 6 and Los Cerritos Road, 505 865-1940.

The store carries a wide variety of batteries including batteries for vehicles, boats, key fobs, watches and phones.

Also available in the store are other accessories associated with batteries.

## AT THE MUSEUM

The Pastel Society of New Mexico has its Signature Show at the Village of Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts until August 13, 2022. The PSNM will then have its Members Show from August 20, 2022, until September 24, 2022.