



VILLAGE NEWS



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VILLAGE COUNCILORS ELECTION

The Village Council has approved Ordinance 466 which calls for the election of Village Councilors in November 2023 from municipal election districts in which the councilors reside.

The ordinance creates four municipal election districts which include the following full and partial precincts:

District One -- 100% of precincts 39, 44, 64, and 65 and portions of precincts 17 and 55.

District Two -- 100% of precincts 3, 40, 41, and 42 as well as precinct 1.

District Three -- 100% of precinct 54 and portions of precincts 12, 17, and 55.

District Four -- 100% of precincts 2, 5, 10, 36, 43, and 62 and a portion of precinct 12 as well as precincts 11 and 19 which have zero population.

The boundaries of each municipal election district are shown on the municipal election district map which is kept in the custody of Deputy Clerk Debra Sanchez.

During the election of November 2023 voters in Districts Two and Four will vote for a District Council candidate, mayor candidate, and judge candidate, and then every four years thereafter. The voters in District One and Three will vote for a District Council candidate during the election held in November 2025 and every four years thereafter.

Filing date will be in August 2023, date to be announced.

The 2020 United States Census shows a population in Los Lunas of 17,242. Districts must have equal population distribution with an allowable deviation of $\pm 5\%$. The Village of Los Lunas has redistricted so that it can comply with districting requirements.

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.

Gifts available include —

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

Stop by the museum to browse the selection.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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2021 ANNUAL VILLAGE POLICE REPORT

The annual Village of Los Lunas police report for 2021 has been released and is available on the Village website at loslunasnm.gov.

October's Village News featured a variety of information from this report. Here's some more interesting tidbits:

There were 337 arrests in the Village of Los Lunas in 2021.

The number of arrests by type:

- Aggravated Assault 51
- All Other Larceny 6
- All Other Offenses 14
- Arson 2
- Burglary / Breaking & Entering 15
- Destruction / Damage / Property 9
- Disorderly Conduct 5
- Driving Under the Influence 82
- Drug Equipment Violations 1
- Drugs / Narcotics Violations 20
- Embezzlement 1
- Family Offenses, non-violent 3
- Impersonation 3
- Intimidation 7
- Motor Vehicle Theft 1
- Robbery 1
- Shoplifting 31
- Simple Assault 47
- Stolen Property Offenses 21
- Trespassing 15

Incident reports by crime type totaled 1,607 broken down into Crimes Against persons, 329 Crimes Against Property, 1,215; and Crimes Against Society, 63.

A further breakdown of the incidents can be found in the website report at loslunasnm.gov.

Response to Resistance by a police officer "is an extremely sensitive issue and requires careful study and understanding by every police officer," says the report. "Although the careful use of force is authorized by law, the use of unnecessary or unreasonable force is strictly prohibited and is not tolerated."

The Los Lunas Police Department Response to Resistance policy permits officers to use only reasonable force necessary to effect lawful objectives in responding to perceived threats. Each time an officer with LLPD uses force, a supervisor conducts an extensive review of the facts and the circumstances surrounding the incident, says the report.

There were 51 "occurrences" of force in the police department in 2021 broken down into seven types of force -- bodily force (23); taser (6); firearm (6); no occurrences for the expandable baton; less lethal than baton (1); other (12); and emergency medical, (3).

LLPD takes complaints against its members seriously. The public has a right to expect and demand fair and impartial law enforcement services. When providing these services, department employees must be free to exercise their best judgment and to initiate action in a reasonable, lawful, and impartial manner and without fear of reprisal.

While the mutual rights of the public and the police officer are normally respected common situations may arise when these rights are reported to be violated. To protect the rights of the public and department employees, it is necessary that allegations of misconduct be thoroughly investigated.

Outcomes of citizen complaint investigations are classified as exonerated, not sustained, sustained, unfounded, sustained violation not based on original complaint, violation not based, mediation and administratively closed. In 2021 the village had 18 citizen complaints with five of those exonerated, three not sustained, two sustained, four unfounded, and four administratively closed.

LPD K9 officer Perone participated in 13 call outs in 2021, one apprehension, four drug cases, and five community events.

The LLPD is hiring so check out the website loslunasnm.gov.

Editor's note: In the October 2022 of the Village News we shared with you the first part of this story about the Los Lunas Police Department. The information discussed is all from Calendar Year 2021.

DRIVE IN MOVIES

Badlands Drive In movie theater is featuring Merry Movie nights during December 2022.

On Friday, Dec, 16 the movie "Home Alone" will be featured while "Elf" will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 17. Both movies will have two showings - 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

General admission is \$15 per vehicle.

SHOP LOCAL!

Valencia County has many great local artisans who make creative items such as baked goods, metal artwork, and soaps.

And many area businesses offer services like massages, car tune-ups, music lessons, and so much more!

Be creative and think outside of the box for your holiday giving and all year long!

DECEMBER LIBRARY EVENTS FOR TEENS, KIDS

A host of activities will be held for teens and children at the Los Lunas Public Library, Main St NE, phone 505 839-3850 in December 2022.

Teens can enjoy:

- After School Maker Activity - Friday while supplies last;
- STEM club 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, December 6 and 13;
- Open gaming Xbox 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday December 7;
- Slam poetry and karaoke 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday December 14;
- STEM Classes 2 and 4 p.m. Thursday December 1 and 8, enrollment required; and
- Gaming Tournaments Xbox / Nintendo Switch Friday 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Here's the activities for children during December 2022:

- Mondays Take-and-Make kits while supplies last;
- Second and third Mondays at 3:30 p.m. Maker Activity;
- First and third Tuesdays at 5 p.m. LEGO Club;
- First Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Maker Activity;
- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time; and
- First Friday at 10:00 a.m. Baby Story Time.

December Maker activities include making ugly sweaters, mini Christmas wreaths, and fillable Christmas ornaments.

Take and make kits include winter hats, snowman ornaments, sticker wreaths, and trees, and Christmas houses.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will make a special visit to the library on Saturday December 17, at 1 p.m.

NON-PERISHABLES BEING COLLECTED

Members of the Los Lunas Fire Department are collecting non-perishables for food baskets for those in need at Christmas time.

Drop off what you can give at fire station #2, 465 Sand Sage NW.

Any questions, contact Vivian Torrez at 505 866-2116.

ATTEND THE CHORAL PROGRAM

A Christmas Choral Program and a Nativity Display will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate in the choir performance or come watch. The nativity display is open to all.

Choir performance and nativity display are 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 160 James St. NW in Los Lunas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Please remember to avoid
Drain Disasters

Be kitchen sink smart:
Water that contains fats, cooking oils, and grease can clog your drain, pipes and sewer system.
Use paper towels to wipe grease and food particles off of your pots, pans and plates, and then dispose of these in the trash.

Thank You
Village of Los Lunas
The Wastewater Treatment Plant
loslunasnm.gov

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. Here's more information about our library.

The Los Lunas Public Library offers public computers Internet Access - The library features public desktop computers in the front of the library, the STEM Lab, and in the children's room. These computers have internet access and full access to Microsoft applications.

Free Wireless Internet - Free access is available in the library and in our parking lot afterhours. Simply select "Los Lunas Public Library" or "Project Connect by ITDRC.org" from the wireless options. Please remember this is an unsecure, public access, wireless channel.

The library has 22 wireless internet hotspots available for a 14-day checkout.

The library has several devices available for a 21-day checkout.

New Library Hours 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

JURIED ART SHOW AWARDS

The following awards were presented for the 10th Annual Juried Art Show at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts:

- Laura Sanchez - Best of Show
- Gaye Garrison - First Place
- Sallie Idoine - Second Place
- Jude Pacheco - Third Place
- Harriet Anaya - Honorable Mention
- Patrick Fulmer - Honorable Mention
- Marilyn Smiel - Honorable Mention

Come visit the museum at the corner of Luna Avenue and Main Street / NM Hwy 6, under the downtown water tower, to view the work by these artists and others.

They will be on display through Jan. 29, 2023.

The Southwest Model Railroad Exhibit will be at the museum through December 10, 2022.

If you have any questions about the museum, please call 505 352-7720.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

NEW IN LOS LUNAS

Silver Shooter's Stirrup
513 NM Hwy 47, Suite B
Locally-owned and operated restaurant bar serving New Mexican dishes, cornhole, karaoke, plus an outdoor patio!

Cuco's Kitchen
785 Main St.
Established in 1992, the ABQ-based Mexican menu offers seafood and pizza plus specialty drinks, entertainment and games!
505-407-2320

Las Toxicas Boutique
1930 Main St. NE, Suite 4
Locally owned and operated trendy clothing, purses, and accessories for adults, teens, and kids with a Southwestern kick!

Myra Bags!! Customizable gifts!!!
Goats Milk Soap!!! Come see us!
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LOCAL EVENTS

10th Annual Juried Art Show
"Musica y Baile" (Song & Dance)
Museum of Heritage & Arts
Under the Downtown Water Tower
Main Street and Luna Avenue
505 352-7720

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Village Offices closed Friday, Dec 23, & Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, for Christmas Holiday
Friday garbage picked up
Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022
Monday garbage picked up
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY
Village Offices closed Friday, Dec. 30, 2022
Friday garbage picked up
Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022.

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
Village offices closed
Monday, Jan. 16, 2023
Monday garbage picked up
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023.

Attend a Village Council Meeting
6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 & 22 and Jan. 12 & 26, 2022
6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 and 17, 2022
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and in-person.
Check Village website for agenda
loslunasnm.gov.

JOB OPENINGS

The Village of Los Lunas usually has a variety of job openings which can be applied for.

Check the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, for employment opportunities and instructions on how to apply.