



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## VILLAGE MUSEUM FEATURES ARTISTS

The artwork of Viola Luna: Land of Enchantment Creations opened in June and will run through July 30 at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts, located under the downtown water tower at Luna Avenue and Main Street SW, 505 352-7720.

Luna was last year's Juried Art Show winner and her exhibit features many forms of art that include miniature models of churches and cantinas, large murals, and other mediums that showcase New Mexico's rich culture.

The Pastel Society Signature and Members' Only Show will be held at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts.

The Pastel Society of New Mexico will have works on display for both its Signature Show, which welcomes all artists who apply, as well as the Members' only show. The Signature Show begins July 9 and runs through August 13, while the Members' show will be August 20 through September 24, 2022.

New Items in the Gift Shop - The Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts has purchased more items for sale in the gift shop. These items are expected to arrive soon! Please come in and find the perfect gift. Open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION

Remember to register your business with the Village Community Development Department either as a new business or renewing your registration.

The department is in the Village Administration building, 660 Main Street NW, northwest corner of Main Street and Don Pasqual, phone 505 839-3842, or visit the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## 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 Code Enforcement Service Request. 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](http://loslunasnm.gov).

## SPEAKER SERIES CONTINUES

The UNM-Valencia Workforce Training Center's summer and fall speaker series continues on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m. at the Workforce Training Center on Huning Ranch Loop.

John Taylor will speak about New Mexico's Medal of Honor recipients on Aug. 3.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7, Los Lunas Library Director Cynthia Shetter will speak about Lola Armijo.

Richard Melzer will speak about "Three Heroes" on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022.

The UNM-Valencia Workforce Training Center is now open for business with the official ribbon-cutting for the facility held June 11, 2022.

## JOB HUNTING

Need help finding a job in the community?

Call Jonna Toledo, a Career Specialist with Goodwill in Los Lunas. 505 944-0289 or 505 450-4315.

Jonna works by appointment and helps with job leads, electronic applications, resumes, and interview talking points.

This is a FREE service! Contact Jonna if you would like help securing a job.

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# META COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS HELP COMMUNITY

Meta's 2022 Valencia County Community Action Grants recipients have been announced.

Meta was formerly known as Facebook.

Through the Data Center Community Action Grants program, Meta provides funding for nonprofits and schools to support the long-term vitality of Valencia County.

Meta funds projects that help put the power of technology to use for community benefit, to connect people online or off, and to improve STEM education.

Meta congratulates the 2022 Los Lunas Data Center grant recipients and thanks them for their impactful work!

Recipients are:

All for Animals, \$14,000, to provide technology to help connect area residents to the animal shelter's services.

Belen Public Library, \$6,000, to provide STEAM tools to help align the local workforce's skills with small business needs.

CASA Partners 4NMKids, \$6,765, to provide technology equipment to enhance and support child advocacy for kids in foster care.

Dennis Chavez Elementary-Belen, \$14,000, to supply classroom technology to empower interaction and collaboration for in-person and virtual learning.

Explora, \$15,000, to deliver STEAM programming through Family Science Events, classroom explorations, and Explora@Home STEAM Learning Kits throughout Valencia County.

Kids Korner Preschool & Daycare, \$4,800, to provide technology to bridge STEM engagement with students, parents and the community.

La Promesa Elementary, \$8,800, to supply technology to enrich classroom learning experiences and professional development with interactive displays.

Lending A Paw Club at LLHS Tigers Official, \$8,000, to support the development of a free, community-based thrift store for students and the community at large.

Los Lunas Schools STEM Nights, \$35,000, to fund monthly STEM family nights throughout the district.

Los Lunas Schools for Podcast Studios, \$3,600, to support the development of podcast studios at each middle school in Los Lunas.

NM MESA, \$5,000, to promote equity in STEM virtual content by adding closed captioning and language translations.

Rio Grande Elementary (Belen), \$15,000, to provide computers and tablets to enhance student and family technology education in and out of the classroom.

Rural Education Advancement Program (REAP), \$17,500, to help bring the Junior Botball Challenge interactive STEM program to middle and high school students and staff throughout Valencia County.

School of Dreams Academy (SODA.), \$25,200, to provide technology tools to help students research for and excel at STEM competitions.

Friends of Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area, \$6,650, to support the Farm to Table Camp, focusing on building intergenerational links between agriculturists and youth in Valencia County.

Valencia County Literacy Council, \$16,000, to expand outreach, programs and volunteer tutoring to improve literacy in the community.

Valencia Shelter Services, \$9,000, to support the Safe Survivor Communication Program for individuals and families

## BUSINESS INCUBATOR HELPS

The Valencia County Business Incubator is now helping people start and grow their businesses.

The Valencia County Business Incubator is housed in Rio Communities City Hall and uses space at the UNM-Valencia Workforce Training Center in the Village of Los Lunas for client intake meetings.

It was 2017 when people first considered a countywide business incubator. It was early 2018 when a USDA-funded feasibility study was completed.

The study found a small business incubator was feasible in Valencia County, specifically when it came to edible products. A mixed-use kitchen incubator would also be needed.

The incubator is open to anyone in the county and is headed by the Village of Los Lunas and the City of Rio Communities.

The goal of the incubator is to help people who have a business in mind turn their ideas into that successful business or more than one business.

Ben Romero is one of the Valencia County Business Incubator's founders and is currently serving as interim director of the organization. Romero can be reached at 505 514-5555.

## MORE LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

The Valencia County Literacy Council continues to seek volunteer tutors.

Subjects to be tutored include Adult Basic English Literacy (listening, speaking, reading and writing), English as a Second Language (ESL) for non-native speakers of English speakers who need to improve their reading and writing skills, Digital Literacy & computers, Financial Literacy, and Civic/Citizenship Literacy.

Tutors are not required to be bilingual. Visit VCLC's website [valencialiteracy.org](http://valencialiteracy.org) or contact Programs Coordinator Cecy Rodriguez at [cecyrodriguez822@gmail.com](mailto:cecyrodriguez822@gmail.com) 505-925-8935 or Dores Jay-Pang: [edirector@valencialiteracy.org](mailto:edirector@valencialiteracy.org), 505-925-8926.

## HERO REMEMBERED

Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park & Recreation Center was dedicated in 1972 in honor of Daniel D. Fernandez.

Daniel Fernandez was born on June 30th 1944 and grew up in Los Lunas. Daniel Fernandez was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Hau Nghia Province, Republic of Vietnam. In February 1966 (at age 22) Daniel Fernandez threw himself on a live grenade sacrificing his life to save the lives of the soldiers around him.



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum of Heritage & Arts has built and installed four little free libraries, located in the following Los Lunas parks:

- Huning Ranch Park on Sundance St.
- Los Cerritos Park on Los Cerritos Road
- San Antonio Park on North Los Lentes
- Valley View Park on Grant Blvd.

## PANCAKES FOR A CAUSE

The Los Lunas Rotary Club has kicked off its planning for the annual 'Pancakes for a Cause' fundraiser benefitting the 'Clothes for Kids' program.

The pancake breakfast fundraising event will take place on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Ribs Restaurant in Los Lunas.

The Village of Los Lunas will help sponsor the event again this year. If anyone is interested in tickets, they are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids age 10 and under.

## AIRPLANE RIDES FOR YOUTH

The EAA Chapter 530 is offering Young Eagle flights on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Mid Valley Park on NM Hwy 314 south of Los Lunas.

The flights are free to those ages eight to seventeen from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the south end of the field at the EAA hanger.

Breakfast and lunch will be served for a \$5 donation.

For more information call Jerry Donovan at 505 450-3892 or Rose at 505 865-5516.

## DRIVE-IN THEATER OPEN

The Los Lunas drive-in theater is open at the former Badlands BMX Park on NM Hwy 314.

Check the Village website, [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov), to find out what movie is playing and when. Movies are often coordinated with special events or holidays. You can pay for movie tickets online.

# TAKE CARE DURING HOT SUMMER

Warm weather has arrived for the summer. It's time to be aware of the leading safety and health risks that increase during the summer months thus decreasing injuries and deaths at homes and workplaces.

Anyone can be at risk for a heat-related illness.

Follow these summer safety tips, like taking extra breaks and drinking lots of water. Moderate your exposure to heat. Take extra steps to avoid being outside for long periods in the sun and heat, especially during the peak hours of the strongest ultraviolet (UV) rays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dehydration is a safety concern during summer months. Be sure to drink enough liquids throughout the day, as our bodies can lose a lot of water through sweat.

Use a sunscreen 30 minutes before going out. Reapply sunscreen every couple hours after swimming or working in the heat. Limit sun exposure during the peak of the day.

Stay in shade when possible. Do not leave children or pets in vehicle.

Remember to always have adult supervision for children whether in the pool or playing around water. Having someone to help is essential if an emergency should occur.

## NEW ADDRESS

The mailing address for the Village of Los Lunas is now 660 Main Street NW Los Lunas, NM 87031.

Please update your records with this change of address.

The mailing address had been P.O. Box 1209, Los Lunas NM 87031.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

"Get your car ready for that family vacation or family reunion at any one of our local shops!" encourages Kristen Gamboa, Senior Economic Developer, Community Development Department.

Kristen can be found at 660 Main Street NW, corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street in Los Lunas. Cell: 505 859-0858, or email [gamboak@loslunasnm.gov](mailto:gamboak@loslunasnm.gov).

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1505 Main St. SW  
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**Professional Transmission & Automotive**  
203 NM 314 NW  
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505 565-2293

**Rimo's Automotive**  
835 Highway 314 SW  
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505 433-5815

**Valencia County Collision Center**  
212 Stover Rd. SE  
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## 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, July 14 & 28, 2022  
6 p.m. Thursday, August 11 & 25, 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).

## AT THE LOS LUNAS LIBRARY

Free notary service is available during normal business hours Monday through Friday at the Los Lunas Library, 460 Main St. SE. Check with the library on when it is open at 505 839-3850.

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Story time at Los Lunas Library: the library has two virtual story hours for preschoolers on its Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/loslunaslibrary/>. The story hours can be viewed in real time or later.

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Los Lunas Library Instagram page. Visit this web page for more info: [https://www.instagram.com/ll\\_publiclibrary/](https://www.instagram.com/ll_publiclibrary/).

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Live chat. Ask a question and chat with a library staff member. You can access this page from the library's web page at <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/103/Library> - click on "ask us" blue icon on lower left of screen.

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Visit the library's FAQ page where you can look up answers to common questions or submit a question: <https://loslunasnm.library.libanswers.com/>

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Text a question to the library. Simply text from any phone service and your question will pop up at the library. The number to text to is 505 376-4008.

[www.loslunasnm.gov](http://www.loslunasnm.gov)