



VILLAGE NEWS



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AMAZON BRINGING MORE THAN 600 JOBS

Amazon will be opening a new fulfillment center on the west side of Los Lunas off NM Hwy 6, eventually creating over 600 full-time jobs with comprehensive benefits.

Amazon employees will pick, pack, and ship items to customers from the one million square foot facility that is scheduled to launch in 2023.

"We're excited to open our customer fulfillment center in Los Lunas and to bring over 600 full-time jobs to the community," said Economic Development Manager Sam Bailey.

"Los Lunas has a great workforce, and we are excited to add to the amazing team currently helping us set a higher standard of operational excellence and delivering outstanding customer experience every day," said Bailey.

This includes an average starting wage for front-line employees of more than \$15 per hour and comprehensive benefits for full-time employees worth an additional \$3.50 per hour.

These benefits include health, vision, and dental insurance; a 401(k) with 50% company match; up to 20 weeks paid parental leave; and Amazon's Career Choice program, through which the company fully funds the cost of an employee's college tuition, including classes, books, and fees.

"This Amazon facility is a significant economic development opportunity for the Village of Los Lunas," said Mayor Charles Griego of the Village of Los Lunas. "The investment into the community during the post-pandemic climate will be transformative, generating over 600 full-time jobs and a total economic impact of over \$200 million.

"Our ability to create more employment opportunities for our local families could not have come at a better time," said Griego. "We are beyond excited to have Amazon become another great community partner."

Amazon has invested more than \$200 million in the State of New Mexico, creating 3,500 full- and part-time jobs, as well as 1,000 indirect jobs. New Mexico boasts over 8,700 small and medium business sellers and independent authors in New Mexico growing their businesses with Amazon.

EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter egg hunt for kids 12 and under will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. at the soccer fields at the Los Lunas Sports Complex on NM Hwy 314.

Sponsored by the Village Parks and Recreation Department, the egg hunt will have three different hunts for three different age groups.

The event is free and the Easter Bunny will be there. No registration is required.

See this web page for more information <https://www.loslunasnm.gov/723/Egg-Hunt>.

PLANT WINS AWARD

The Village of Los Lunas Wastewater Treatment Plant Division (WWTP) was awarded the Good Housekeeping Award for a facility 20 years old and older for the WWTP Activated Sludge Plant for the 3rd year in a row from the New Mexico Water and Wastewater Association (NMWWA) at its 67th 2022 Annual School Awards Ceremony.

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WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER LECTURE SERIES

The University of New Mexico Valencia Campus and Valencia County Historical Society will present a series of lectures to mark the opening of the UNM -Valencia Campus Workforce Training Center in the Village.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2021, from 11 a.m. to noon, John Taylor will present "Two Los Lunas Treasures: The Luna Mansion and the Huning House."

On Wednesday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to noon, Richard Melzer will present "Famous, but Sometimes Forgotten, Wedding Traditions in Valencia County."

On Wednesday, May 4, Cynthia Shetter presents "Who Was Daniel Fernandez?" The events are free and no registration is required.

The series started with "Route 66 Through Valencia County" by Patty Guggino.

The Workforce Training Center will train the local workforce to meet the demands of economic development in Valencia County.

The staff and faculty at the Workforce Training Center will prepare county residents with the professional and technical skills to meet employer needs today and into the future.

Non-degree programs and credential-focused course offerings will focus on building soft skills and enhancing work readiness.

The Workforce Training Center facilities include vocational labs, computer labs, classrooms, indoor/outdoor common areas, learning center, offices, and the Small Business Development Center.

The Workforce Training Center will provide technical and managerial assistance for small businesses, as it promotes growth, innovation, productivity, and revenue for small businesses in the county.

The cost of the building was about \$7.6 million for some 19,000 square feet. It is located at 1020 Huning Ranch East Loop SW in Los Lunas, just west of I-25, south of Main Street.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

WET YOUR WHISTLE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As the weather starts to warm up, wet your whistle at any of our local watering holes.

And remember to mark St. Patrick's Day.

Tractor Brewery Company

470 Sandsage St, NW
505 205-4789

Delicious craft beer and beverages with finger licking BBQ and fun!

Marisco's Altamar

2250 Sun Ranch Village Loop SW
505 866-8828

Trust us! You can sing! Bring your friends & family for Thursday night karaoke, food, and drinks! 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.,

Camino Real Winery & Taproom

133 Vallejos Lane
505 307-0469

Serving Camino Real Wines and craft drinks plus a wide variety of New Mexico craft beer! Enjoy it while listening to live music or during trivia nights.

Valencia Tap Room

785 Main St SW
505 916-0082

Featuring award-winning craft beer from 377 Brewery, unwind in our patio or dance to local bands.

Range Café

740 Main St NE
505 508-2144

The Range Café continues to be a NM favorite known for its quirky atmosphere, great food, full bar, and friendly service.

VILLAGE WORK

The intersection of Edeal Road and Main Street / NM Hwy 6 will soon be getting improvements, including a new signalized traffic intersection with turn lanes and a concrete median.

Construction is expected to begin in May.

Improvements to Daniel Fernandez Park are scheduled to begin in April. The park is receiving a \$2.3 million upgrade, which includes a second gymnasium, locker rooms, restrooms, and multi-use classroom space.

ACCESS THOUSANDS OF BOOKS

The Los Lunas Public Library offers free access to thousands of e-books and audio books with New Mexico Overdrive.

Here's how you access:

1. Visit <https://nm.overdrive.com>.
2. Select Los Lunas Public Library as "Your Library".
3. Sign in using your existing library account number and pin or create a new account with your mobile number.
4. You're all set! Start browsing and checking out digital material.

Access the items you've checked out on a web browser or through the Libby App, which is free to download to your phone, tablet, or Kindle.

Instant digital cards to access Overdrive materials are available to residents within Los Lunas Public Library's legal service area only.

For assistance, please call Los Lunas Public Library at 505 839-3850.

JUBILEE LOS LUNAS RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has awarded Jubilee Los Lunas a national award for the Jubilee Balloon Glow event.

Jubilee hosted the Darth Vader and Master Yoda Balloons, favorites at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

Pilot Benoit Lambert has been flying the Darth Vader Balloon since 2007. The Master Yoda Balloon is flown by pilot Michel Lambert and premiered at the Fiesta for the first time in 2014.

The Storm Troopers, Legion, and Rebels joined Darth Vader and Master Yoda at Jubilee Los Lunas for the glow.

The NAHB has previously given Jubilee Los Lunas an award for the community's health and wellness and staying healthy during COVID-19.

"The nationals are the most prestigious awards of their kind, setting the benchmark for innovations in new home design, marketing and sales," said John Madden, chairperson of the nationals. "NAHB's commitment to recognizing originality, imagination and success has been exemplified by its award winners since the competition's inception."

The industry's only national awards program honoring excellence in 55+ housing, these awards showcase quality, innovation, and emerging trends that appeal to the mature demographic. The NAHB represents 140,000 members.

The balloon glow is just one of many events at Jubilee Los Lunas. Events, trips, and interest groups add to the pleasant year-round climate, cultural offerings, and recreational adventures that Jubilee residents enjoy.

In the community's 11,000-square-foot clubhouse, residents play billiards, poker, and enjoy happy hours, while the pool, archery range, pickleball and tennis courts, and multipurpose trails offer outdoor recreation.

For more information visit Jubilee at 500 Jubilee Blvd, Los Lunas, or view the website at www.jubileeloslunas.com.



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Los Lunas recreation division is sponsoring a youth soccer league with two age divisions, five and six plus seven and eight, and registration is now open.

Cost is \$60 per player which includes a jersey, socks, and an age-appropriate soccer ball for each player.

Practice begins April 1 with games beginning April 23. See this web page for more info: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8r5wmr>

Register at this link: <https://secure.rec1.com/NM/los-lunas-nm/catalog> - click on youth activities and then Los Lunas Parks & Rec Youth Soccer League

If you are interested in coaching a team, please contact the sports coordinator at 505 352-7725.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know needs financial assistance, food or clothing, check out the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, assistance and thrift store in Los Lunas.

Located at 960 Main St. NE / NM Hwy 6, the store is open Monday through Thursday with food distribution from noon to one p.m. and thrift store open one to three p.m. Financial assistance is available by appointment. Phone number is 505 565-1218.

The thrift store has clothing, household appliances and housewares.

PROPERTIES NEED ATTENTION?

Junk cars, weeds, accumulations of junk or trash are eyesores and in violation of Village of Los Lunas ordinances. Spring will be here soon, the perfect time to clean up junk and trash.

The Code Enforcement Division does routine patrols through neighborhoods and commercial areas in the Village limits year round, but code enforcement officers do not always see everything.

If you would like to make a report, please contact the Code Enforcement Division via phone at 505 839-3842, email Code Enforcement Supervisor Adolph Lopez at lopeza@loslunasnm.gov, or fill out the online Code Enforcement Complaint Form on the village website, loslunasnm.gov.

TAX FORMS

The Los Lunas Library, in the front hall, has:

- State tax forms (includes instructions)
- Federal form 1040 packets and instructions

Library must be open to get forms.

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, to find out what movie is playing and when. Movies are often coordinated with special events or holidays, You can pay for movie tickets on line.

STUDENT JURIED ART SHOW

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts is hosting the 9th Annual Student Juried Art Exhibit with this year's theme "Miracles and Remedies" for children age 18 and under.

Works will be on display May 7, 2022 through June 11, 2022.

If you know of any children who may be interested, pass this information on.

Show Awards: (in elementary, middle, and high school categories)

- First Place (cash prize)
- Second Place (cash prize)
- Third Place (cash prize)
- Jurors Choice (no cash prize)

Important Dates:

1. Deadline for entries: Postmarked by April 22, 2022.
2. Delivery of accepted work to museum: April 28 through April 30
3. Opening reception: May 7, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m.
4. Exhibition: May 7, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m.. Pick up work: week after June 11, 2022

Artists may submit digital or printed entries via mail, email or in person. Anyone with questions, comments or concerns, should contact Louis Huning at huninglo@loslunasnm.gov or Rebecca Ortiz at ortizr@loslunasnm.gov or call 505 352-7720 to reach either one.

Entries must be original work and may be any medium (such as acrylic, oil, pastel, watercolor, pen and ink, photography, ceramic, fiber, and mixed media) that portrays the theme.

Artists may choose to have their artwork available for purchase throughout the exhibit.

LOCAL EVENTS

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday Holiday
Village Offices Closed
Friday, April, 15 2022
Garbage collected
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2022

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, March 10 & 24, 2022
6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 & 21, 2022
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and in-person.
Check Village website for agenda
loslunasnm.gov.

AT THE MUSEUM

The Camino Real 8 Winter Art Show continues through March 19, 2022. at the Village of Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, located at Main Street and Luna Avenue under the downtown water tower, phone 505 352-7720.

Artists featured in the Camino Real 8 show are Gwen Wilemon, Lorraine Burlison, Fran Ryan, Linda Boatwright, Duffy Peterson, Sharon Schlotterback, Jean Stone, Penny York, and Susan Brooke.

April 2, 2022, through April 30, 2022, is The Civil War in New Mexico exhibit at the museum. Opening reception is April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Civil War presentation includes information about the Civil War in general as well as the Civil War in New Mexico in particular.

Many Village museum presentations are available on the museum Facebook page.

Visit the museum in person Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. or virtually on Facebook.

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.