



VILLAGE NEWS



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REACHING THE VILLAGE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Village and its various divisions and departments have a presence on a variety of social media. You can catch up on what's going on in the Village through this social media.



Village Government

www.facebook.com/loslunasnm

Police Department

<https://m.facebook.com/Loslunaspolice/>

<https://twitter.com/loslunaspd>

Fire Department

www.facebook.com/loslunasfire/

<https://www.instagram.com/loslunasfire/>

<https://twitter.com/LosLunasFire>

Parks and Recreation Department

<https://www.facebook.com/loslunasrecreation>

https://www.instagram.com/los_lunas_recreation/

<https://twitter.com/LLParksandRec>



Public Library

<https://www.facebook.com/loslunaslibrary/>

https://www.instagram.com/ll_publiclibrary/

Museum of Heritage and Arts

<https://www.facebook.com/loslunasmuseum/>

<https://www.instagram.com/llmuseumha/>

Economic Development

<https://www.facebook.com/acommunitythatworks/>

<https://www.instagram.com/liveloslunas/>

<https://twitter.com/liveloslunas>

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FARMERS MARKET NOW OPEN

The Los Lunas Farmers Market is open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, May through October, weather permitting, at Heritage Park on Lambros Loop across from Smiths Grocery Store.

The market provides shoppers with fresh locally-produced vegetables, fruit, honey, eggs, meat, bread, and more, in a friendly environment that supports the local economy, agriculture, and community.

Check with vendors on what food cards are accepted such as EBT and Fresh RX cards.

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember to honor veterans and soldiers in every branch of the military for Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022. Thank these people for their service to our country.

Memorial Day and weekend events occur all across New Mexico.

Village offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2020.

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.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET

Wondering how the Village of Los Lunas spends money? Satisfy your curiosity by going to the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, to look at the Fiscal Year 2022 budget which is for July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Village staff is in the process of preparing the Fiscal Year 2023 budget which will be approved by the Village Council.

The approved 2022 \$84,972,267 budget includes information demonstrating how the Village will use its resources to deliver superior services and programs to Los Lunas residents, visitors, and businesses.

The Village has projected to receive \$68,408,867 in revenues, an increase of \$10,761,571 or 19% from the prior year.

Revenues are received from gross receipts taxes, intergovernmental grants, charges for services, other taxes, and miscellaneous revenues.

The largest source of revenues is received from gross receipts taxes. However, the Village expects to receive \$22,094,633 from intergovernmental grants / distributions, which accounts for the majority of the increase in revenues.

The Village projects to spend \$84,972,267 in expenditures, an increase of \$39,078,190 or 85% from the prior year.

Expenditure categories include capital outlay, personnel services, operating costs, debt service, purchased property services, contractual services, supplies, and employee training costs.

Capital outlay expenditures account for \$48,209,693, or 57% of the total budget, and represent the majority of the projected increase in expenditures.

A complete list of capital outlay expenditures is in the budget at loslunasnm.gov.

The FY 2022 budget was created with the following goals:

- Balance ongoing expenditures with future revenues and limit new reoccurring expenditures.
- Competitively compensate employees relative to market conditions and maintain pay equity in comparable positions internally by faithfully implementing the Council approved compensation and classification plan.

To that end, the FY 2022 budget contains a step increase on the Village's pay plan along with a 2% market rate adjustment for all eligible employees.

- Continue to offer competitive employee benefits. The FY 2022 budget contains funding for the Village to continue paying 100% of the medical insurance premium for employees, and between 80-90% of the medical insurance premium for dependent coverage, depending on salary level, and 67% of employees' retirement contribution.
- Take advantage of projected one-time revenue to pay for numerous one-time capital outlay purchases and projects.

www.loslunasnm.gov

LITERACY VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Tutors are the **KEY** to teach adult literacy!

The Valencia County Literacy Council is seeking 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 or for English speakers who need to improve their reading and writing skills, Digital Literacy and computers, Financial Literacy, and Civic/Citizenship Literacy.

Tutors are not required to be bilingual.

Volunteer requirements include being 18-years-old; ability to read, write and speak English; able to tutor students in a classroom or online and conduct classes one-on-one or in small groups.

Tutoring depends on tutor and student(s) availability. Tutoring is conducted one to three hours a week. Tutors should be able to plan and prepare for tutoring sessions.

If interested, please visit VCLC's website valencialiteracy.org or contact Programs Coordinator Cecy Rodriguez at cecyrodriguez822@gmail.com 505 925-8935 or Doris Jay-Pang: edirector@valencialiteracy.org, 505 925-8926.

JUBILEE CLEANS UP

Jubilee of Los Lunas held its adopted mile cleanup the end of March with 22 volunteers collecting a total of 26 bags of trash along NM Hwy 6.

The Village Solid Waste Division assisted with the trash bags and safety vests.

Thanks to the folks from Jubilee Los Lunas for continuing their cleanup efforts and helping to keep Los Lunas Clean and Beautiful.

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Dive into fun this summer at the Los Lunas Public Library! .

From June 3-July 23, the library is your destination for performers, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) programming, field trips, games, movies, prizes for readers of all ages, AND MORE!

Some activity highlights this summer include: a private screening of the movie, Lightyear, at Starlight Cinema (free kids snack tray with every ticket), a field trip to Albuquerque to the AT&SF 2926 Steam Locomotive Restoration Site and Biopark Aquarium, take-and-make STEM and craft activities, and weekly prize drawings.

There are oceans of possibilities this summer at the Los Lunas Public Library!

Register here for more information: <https://forms.gle/bmZYH4Daj3uojn6A>, call 505-839-3850, or email Stephanie Birr birrs@loslunasnm.gov.



BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SPRING HAS SPRUNG IN LOS LUNAS!

Get your gardening supplies and fresh flower bouquets for graduations at our local stores.

RAKS Building Supply, Inc.
108 Carson Drive
505 865-1100

Route 66 Ace Hardware
2510 Main St NE Suite B
505 508-4073

Ramos Flower & Gift Shop
2211 A Main Street SE
505 916-033

Bloom Flowers & Gifts
1402 Main St SW
505 865-7338

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Little free libraries are now located at:

- Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 NM Highway 314
- Los Cerritos Park, Los Cerritos Road and Emilio Lopez NW
- Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main St. NE
- Mesa Cruzada near Cruzada Court

Books are free from the Little Free Library but people who take a book are asked to leave a book.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR LL SCHOOLS

Los Lunas Schools ninth annual golf tournament will be held at at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

For more info and the entry form see this web page: http://www.llschools.net/news/l_l_s_golf_tournament.

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. NE. Check with the library on when it is open at 505 839-3850.

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.

Los Lunas Library Instagram page. Visit this web page for more info: https://www.instagram.com/ll_publiclibrary/.

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.

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

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 is 505 376-4008.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

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 at the museum located at Main Street and Luna Avenue under the downtown water tower.

Works will be on display through June 11, 2022.

Awards given in elementary, middle, and high school categories were First, Second and Third Place plus Jurors Choice.

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

Artists may have their artwork available for purchase throughout the exhibit. Remember that 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.

BELIEVE IN HEROES RUN

The 10th Annual Believe in Heroes Memorial Run fundraising running event begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022.

This annual 5k, 10k race and kids k fun run begin and end at the Starlight Theater parking lot on Huning Ranch Loop.

The entire event is presented by L.I.V.E., Inc., (Los Lunas Invested in Veteran Events) and raises funds supporting various veteran organizations within Los Lunas and Valencia County such as the VFW, Blue Star Mothers, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart, and Wounded Warrior Project to name a few. The past events have raised over \$110,000 for veterans.

Detailed information, including the registration form and fees, race course descriptions and contact information can be found on the website and Facebook: www.loslunasvet.com and <https://www.facebook.com/LosLunasVet>.

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, May, 30, 2022

Memorial Day
Village Offices Closed
Monday, May 30, 2022
Garbage collected
Tuesday, May, 31, 2022

Monday, July 4, 2022 9 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade
Main Street from Lambros Loop to Don Pasqual
Register Your Entry Now
Online at loslunasnm.gov

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, May 5 & 19, 2022
6 p.m. Thursday, June 9 & 23, 2022
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and in-person.
Check Village website for agenda
loslunasnm.gov.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN WALKING

Summer mornings can be a perfect time to walk in the Village, but safety needs to be a prime consideration when walking.

Walk on the sidewalk if there is one, say Los Lunas Police officers.

If no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the road, be sure to walk facing traffic.

Be safe. Be seen. Brightly colored clothing makes it easier for drivers to see you during the daytime.

At night, you need a flashlight or special reflective material on your shoes, cap, and jacket or on your arms or legs that bounce the car's lights off you and back to the driver.

This light should caution the driver that there is something or someone moving and they should slow down and be careful.

Remember that those coming down the street can't always see you!