



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## CHANGES FOR RIO METRO VALENCIA IN LL

The Rio Metro Valencia is now booking times. Passengers can call 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. plus book up to two weeks in advance to schedule a ride.

In addition, Rio Metro has initiated a new medical route to Albuquerque. Rio Metro will take anyone to any medical facility or physician's office in Albuquerque.

To meet the needs of passengers, pick up times are 6:30 a.m. and the return will be 2 p.m. Appointments should be scheduled for 9 a.m. or later and be ready to return by 2 p.m.

The 206 route will be suspended until further notice. Call 505 352-3595 to schedule a ride to be transported to the Belen Rail Runner or if you have questions.

## HONOR VETERANS

Honor all Who Served and Serve on Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at 11 a.m. with fellowship and food at Daniel Fernandez Park, 1103 NM Hwy 314.

Hosted by the Village of Los Lunas, RAKS Building Supply, Valencia County, and Los Lunas Invested in Veterans Events (L.I.V.E., Inc.).

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## RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION

Wondering what's going on at Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park Recreation Center?

A \$6.3 million 19,000 square-foot expansion is what is going on. Contracted to do the job is T.A. Cole and Sons which had the lowest bid.

The expansion to the Recreation Center includes a second gymnasium, three program rooms, additional restrooms, a new entry, and office space for staff. The expansion also includes infrastructure for a future aquatic center.

The project required the removal of the tennis courts to the north of the existing recreation center, but the football and softball fields remain. The expansion takes the building to the southern edge of the splash pad.

The project is funded with a combination of state and local money with \$300,000 coming from capital outlay awarded by the state legislature and the remainder from the village's general fund. Daniel Fernandez Memorial Park Recreation Center is used by many people in the community. For instance, there are about 40 volleyball teams that use the center for practices and games and, with the additional gym, more teams can be formed and more practice time allocated.

## NEW DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

Cassandra Kanyuck is now Los Lunas Police Department Deputy Police Chief.

Kanyuck succeeds former LLPD Deputy Chief Charles Files who left for a new position in Washington, DC.

Kanyuck was promoted to deputy chief in June after working with the department since 2011, and within law enforcement since 2007.

Kanyuck came to New Mexico from South Dakota, getting her start at the Laguna Police Department in 2007, and moving onto the Isleta Police Department before being hired in Los Lunas.

## PARADE REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the Village of Los Lunas Electric Light Parade.

The parade proceeds from Heritage Park to Don Pasqual Road on Main Street on Saturday, Dec 3, 2022.

Register at [loslunasnm.gov](http://loslunasnm.gov).

# ADMINISTRATOR IN PROGRAM

Village Administrator Gregory D. Martin has been accepted into the 2022-2023 Leadership New Mexico Core Program.

The Leadership New Mexico Core Program provides established leaders from all parts of New Mexico an in-depth, nonpartisan, educational experience not available anywhere else.

It is an eleven-month program.

## FRIGHTS ON THE SCREEN

Frights on the screen are featured at the Village of Los Lunas Badlands Drive-In during the month of October to commemorate Halloween.

Scheduled films are:

Casper Friday, October 7

Nightmare on Elm Street Saturday, October 8

Beetlejuice Friday, October 14

Poltergeist Saturday, October 15

The Nightmare Before Christmas Friday, October 21

The Conjuring Saturday, October 22

Hocus Pocus Friday, October 28

Halloween Saturday, October 29

Drive-In gates open at 6 p.m. with the show starting at dark. Tickets can be purchased online on the village website.

The drive-in is located near the intersection of Morris Road and NM Hwy 314.

## FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has announced "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape™" as the theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2022, reinforcing the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly.

October 2022 is the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the nation's longest-running public health observance on record.

This year Fire Prevention Week capitalizes on its milestone anniversary.

The theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." addresses challenges that remain.

Home, the place people feel safest from fire, is where people are at greatest risk, with 74 percent of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes. When a home fire does occur, it's more likely to be serious; people are more likely to die in a home fire today than in 1980.

Village Fire Department Chief John Gabaldon points out today's homes burn faster and hotter than they used to, minimizing the amount of time people have to escape. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as two minutes to get out from the time the smoke alarms sound.

The Fire Prevention Week 2022 theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." promotes potentially life-saving messages that can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely.

Key messages behind the "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape." include:

- Make sure your home escape plan meets the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should interconnect so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all windows open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the household, including guests. Practice at least once during the day and at night.

## DON'T BE SCAMMED

As our community, state and country continue to cope with the COVID pandemic there are unscrupulous people conducting scams.

Be on the lookout for people conducting those scams. Individuals may knock on your door or call you on the phone making claims about testing for COVID or any number of things.

If someone arrives at your residence claiming to be something you think they are not, do not open the door, but contact the police immediately.

The Los Lunas Police Department encourages citizens to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity by calling the department at 505 865-9130.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

As the season changes, get your home prepped and ready for the chilly months ahead!

### CHASE MECHANICAL LLC

29 Ber Ben Rd

505 507-7184

[adrian@chaseabq.com](mailto:adrian@chaseabq.com)

### GARLEY HEATING & COOLING LLC

109 Fire Station Rd

505 712-6682

[garleyhvac@yahoo.com](mailto:garleyhvac@yahoo.com)

### HEIGHTS PLUMBING & HEATING INC.

447 Courthouse Road SE

505 865-4372

### INTEGRITY HEATING & COOLING LLC

2060 Main ST NE Ste D

505 261-2209

[admin@integrity-heatingcooling.com](mailto:admin@integrity-heatingcooling.com)

### ORTEGA PLUMBING & HEATING LLC

2206 Sun Ranch Village Loop SW

505 278-5084

[billy@ortegaplumbingnm.com](mailto:billy@ortegaplumbingnm.com)

505 865-7654

## CHECK THESE OUT!

**Fabulous Finds Past & Present**, 619 Helen Circle, is a brand-new thrift store which opened in October. Owned by a local resident, it's her first business. Everything is clean and organized. Marsha, 505 948-6224, can help you.

**Rocken JV Design LLC**, 1400 Main St. NW, Unit B has MOVED! Same service with new products. Metal art, Myra bags, Laser engraving, sublimation, custom t-shirts and more. New items include goats milk soap, native American jewelry, home décor. Contact Chelsea at 505 300-7696.

## OPEN SPACE RECEIVES GRANT

Village of Los Lunas Open Space has been awarded a grant of \$15,995 from the New Mexico Outdoor Equity Fund for the 2022 grant cycle.

The grant will be used for a program that consists of four separate outdoor recreational adventures that correspond to the different seasons.

The following trips will consist of ten or twenty youth: a half-day rafting trip, a full-day ski trip, a fishing trip, and a camping trip. These trips include all associated costs, including transportation, meals, equipment, and lodging when appropriate.

Los Lunas Open Space personnel will accompany the youth and help with the educational aspects needed for each activity while encouraging the child to become a steward of the outdoors.

## 43rd HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The 43rd Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Crafty Ladies of Peralta Memorial Methodist Church will be held Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church is located at 25 Wesley Road in Peralta (off NM Hwy 47).

Many handcrafted items, along with baked goods and jellies/jams will be available. The Methodist Men will offer breakfast burritos and taco soup for sale.

For more information, call the church at 505 865-9334.

## PRO RODEO CHAMPIONS

2X World Champion Saddle Bronc Cowboy Taos Muncy proudly represents his beloved state of New Mexico here in Los Lunas Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the Southwest Event Center located west of Los Lunas off NM Hwy 6.

PRCA Pro Rodeo Champions and more will be participating along with NM's "Up and Comers" for a chance to ride with Champions!

Fun, food, cold drinks and up-close excitement will be available! Bring the whole family!

Sponsorships Opportunities:  
[TaosMuncyInvitational@gmail.com](mailto:TaosMuncyInvitational@gmail.com)  
or 830 279-8590.

## INCUBATOR RECEIVES GRANT; HELPS BUSINESSES

The Valencia County Business Incubator (VCBI) has received a \$25,000 LEADS grant to help equip and set up office space at the Rio Communities City Hall.

The Village of Los Lunas, along with the City of Rio Communities, support VCBI.

The \$25,000 grant comes from the local economic assistance and development support programs under the New Mexico Economic Development Division.

Leads grew out of the certified community initiative run by the economic development division. The \$25,000 helps the incubator, a 501C3 nonprofit corporation, get closer to its overall fund raising goal of \$250,000 and the hiring of a full time director.

VCBI helps people start businesses throughout Valencia County. Call 505 514-5555 or email [ben@vcbinm.org](mailto:ben@vcbinm.org) for additional information.

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

## Los Lunas Library Office Services

- Printing
- Copying
- Scanning
- Faxing
- Notary

## Los Lunas Library Adult Services

- Basic Computer Classes
- Guidance to eGovernment sites
- Basic Resume Building
- Reader Advisory - suggested titles and authors
- Reference Services
- Interlibrary Loan
- Book Clubs
- Mobile Reference Service via LibAnswers

## Los Lunas Library Youth Services

- Preschool Story Hour
- Summer Reading and Performance Programs
- Borrow a Playaway Launchpad Tablet
- STEM After-School Program
- Outreach Programs and Tours

## Los Lunas Library Technological Services

- 24 public access computers
- WIFI access on premises
- Borrow an iPad or Laptop
- Borrow an Internet Hotspot
- eResource access
- Mobile Print Services

The library has frequently asked questions posted on the website, but you can chat live with a staff member during library hours.

## JURIED ART SHOW AT MUSEUM

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts will be hosting its 10th Annual Juried Art Show with the theme, “Música y Baile”(Song & Dance).

All artists are invited to share their visions of these topics with the community!

All entries may be entered in person at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts, through email, or by mail until October 15.

The show will be on display from October 29, 2022, until January 29, 2023.

If you have any questions please contact the museum at 505 352-7720.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Presented by the Village Parks and Recreation Dept.

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 3-6 p.m.  
Los Lunas Sports Complex  
Corner Morris Road and  
NM Hwy 314.

Candy, costume contest, dog costume contest, games and jumpers.

### GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022  
Vote absentee, early or in person.  
Call the Valencia County Bureau of Elections for more information 505 866-2073.

### VETERANS DAY

Friday, Nov. 11, 2022  
Special program at Daniel Fernandez Park 11 a.m.  
All Village offices closed  
Friday garbage pickup on Thursday, Nov. 10.

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Village Offices closed Thursday, Nov. 24 & Friday, Nov. 25, 2022 for Thanksgiving Holiday.  
Thursday garbage picked up Wednesday, Nov. 23.  
Friday garbage picked up Monday, Nov. 28.

### Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 and 20, 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).