



VILLAGE NEWS



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MAIN/HWY 6 DRAIN COLLAPSE

The drain near the bridge that crosses the Rio Grande on the northeast side of Main Street / NM Hwy 6 collapsed in May 2023 due to erosion from the high levels of water in the ditch and river.

The bridge over the Rio Grande in Los Lunas did NOT collapse, nor sustain any failures due to this erosion.

According to New Mexico Department of Transportation representatives, the Village of Los Lunas had a water main line that was compromised during this drain collapse, however there were no residences or businesses affected by this. The water was re-routed and all customers had access to water.

Village officials thank people for their patience during this emergency and during the repair. For further information, contact Kimberly Gallegos, Public Information Officer for the NMDOT, at 505 639-3576 or via email at Kimberly.Gallegos@dot.nm.gov.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The 2023 4th of July Celebration will take place at the Los Lunas Sports Complex, located at the intersection of Morris Road and NM Hwy 314.

There will be food, live music, a beer garden, entertainment for the kids, an artisan market, and one of the largest fireworks displays in the state! Among the entertainers will be Subtractor, Nosotros and Daniel Solis.

Applications for food vendors, specialty vendors, and car show participants are being accepted.

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All current documents and photos must be included with the application.
- Do not pay the fee until a confirmation email has been received.
- Do not apply for a Temporary Food Permit until you have received a confirmation email stating you have been accepted as a vendor.
- You will be notified of your participation status as a vendor following the event's application deadline.

Car Show Participants must fill out a registration packet with extensive detail regarding the vehicle. At least one photo of the vehicle must be sent to jaramilloma@loslunasnm.gov to complete registration. It is FREE to register.

First, second, and third place trophies and prizes will be given to the three different categories, which will be muscle cars, foreign cars, and custom/lowriders.

Judges will be local elected officials.

CHECKOUT BADLANDS DRIVE-IN

For only \$15 you can fill your vehicle with people and watch a movie at the Los Lunas drive-in cinema, Badlands Drive-In, located at the intersection of NM Hwy 314 and Morris Road.

Scheduled to be shown are Boulevard Nights, June 10; Sandlot, a La Vida Felicidad fundraiser on July 14; Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift will be shown with the Goonies on July 8; and Back to the Future on July 29.

Check out the schedule online at loslunasnm/1094/badlandsdrive-in.

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DON'T WASTE WATER!

The hot months are upon us. Village residents need to avoid wasting water.

Residents should follow Municipal Ordinance 8.24.040 Water Waste Restrictions through September 30.

Spray irrigation is allowed only between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m.

Water waste must not flow onto adjacent properties or public right-of-way whether served by the municipal water utility or by a private well.

Shut-off nozzles are required on any hoses used for hand watering, vehicle or equipment washing, or other outdoor uses.

Water waste restrictions do not apply to:

- Outdoor watering performed with permanent drip irrigation system, sub-surface irrigation, harvested water, or gray water;
- Watering of containerized plants and nursery plant stock;
- Repair and maintenance of irrigation systems;
- Single-day irrigation for application of chemicals for landscape maintenance;
- Non-profit car washes held as fundraisers, if vehicles are washed using handheld buckets and hoses equipped with shut-off nozzles.

Additional restrictions may be applied during declared drought or emergency events.

For more information call or email the Public Works Office at 505 352-7629 or jaramillom@loslunasnm.gov.

GREAT AMERICAN RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE

A successful Great America Recycling Event was held in the Village in May 2023 with 102 residents visiting the Village Recycle Center with items.

Recyclables taken in:

- 2 gallons of used oil.
- 42 gallons of assorted paints.
- 10 aerosol cans.
- 10 four yard bins of cardboard estimated 2,500 pounds.
- 2 four cubic yard bins of plastic estimated 280 pounds.
- 8 cubic yards of metal estimated 800 pounds.
- 20 pounds of aluminum.
- 15 pounds of tin.
- Glass 3/4 2 yard bin estimated 700 pounds.
- TVs - two.
- Electronics -125 pounds.
- 84 pounds assorted batteries.

The employees who worked the recycling event: William Minier, David Foremen, Mark Thompson, Curtis Martinez, Salvador Quezada.

Also George Gomez, Keith King and David Cummings.

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.

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.

LAURA SANCHEZ EXHIBIT

The opening reception for Laura Sanchez exhibit at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts will be Saturday, June 17, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum, located at the downtown water tower at Main Street and Luna Avenue.

Sanchez's work will be on display because she was the winner of the 2022 Adult Juried Art Show. Her work will be on display through July 30, 2023.

COUNCIL APPROVES FY 2024 INTERIM BUDGET

The Los Lunas Village Council has approved a \$225,761,757 budget for the Village of Los Lunas for Fiscal Year 2024.

The final budget for fiscal year 2024 will be approved in July 2023 which will cause some of the interim budget figures to change.

The Village forecasts receiving \$211,847,433 in revenues, an increase of \$138,249,217, or 188% from the prior year budget. Major revenue categories are received from gross receipts taxes, intergovernmental grants, and charges for services.

The Village forecasts spending \$225,761,757 in expenditures, an increase of \$133,058,343 or 144% from the prior year budget. Major expenditure categories include salaries and wages, employee benefits, and capital outlay.

The primary reason for the large increase in both revenues and expenditures from the prior year budget is due to the inclusion of the I-25 Interchange / East West Corridor (also known as Los Lunas Boulevard) and parentheses capital outlay project, which is estimated at approximately \$145 million for phase one of the project.

The primary reason for the relatively large difference between budgeted revenues and expenditures is because some revenues have been received in prior fiscal years, and will be used from existing healthy cash balances and the appropriate funds to pay for one-time purchases or projects.

The Village will maintain a minimum general fund cash balance of at least six months of general fund expenditures less any current unexpected expenditures or \$25,294,026, and, in accordance with New Mexico State Statutes, 1/12 (8.33%) estimated available cash reserve balance in the general fund of \$5,459,732.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

The budget includes funding for the following new positions:

- Deputy Village Administrator
- Firehouse Assistant
- Park Technician I
- Park Technician II
- Recreation Coordinator
- Facility Maintenance Technician (2)
- Buildings and Grounds Superintendent
- Construction - Safety Inspector
- Streets Project Coordinator

The FY 24 budget also includes the following reclassifications:

- Deputy Clerk
- Human Resources Specialist
- Sewer Maintenance Operator

Employee Salaries

Appropriate employee salary increases have not yet been determined because the Village is currently in the process of completing a Compensation and Classification Study. Employee salary recommendations are expected to be made in the approval of the final budget.

Employee Benefits

The budget includes group health insurance and ancillary insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico with a rate increase of 0.7% in medical insurance premiums from the prior year.

The budget also includes group dental insurance through Delta Dental of New Mexico with no change in dental insurance premiums and group vision insurance through Davis Vision and Vision Care Direct (VCD) with no change in vision insurance premiums.

The \$225,761,757 budget includes information demonstrating how the Village will use its resources to deliver services and programs to Los Lunas residents, visitors, and businesses.

Budget Highlights

FY 2024 Budget Fund Changes:

1. Created one new Special Revenue Fund:
 - a. Cannabis Gross Receipts Tax Fund (Fund 30) – The cannabis gross receipts tax fund was created to track revenues related to the Cannabis Regulation Act signed into law through HB 2, which passed the New Mexico legislature in March 2021. The cannabis gross receipts tax fund was established by Village Resolution 23-04.
2. Removed one former Fiduciary Fund:
 - a. Regional Dispatch Fund (Fund 45) – The Village of Los Lunas has served as the fiscal agent for the Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center (VRECC) since June 6, 2006. In 2022, the VRECC Board voted to change the fiscal agent from the Village of Los Lunas to the Village of Bosque Farms, effective July 1, 2023. Therefore, the regional dispatch fund (former Fiduciary Fund 45) has been removed from the FY 2024 Village of Los Lunas budget

Major Funds:

General fund \$29,159,808
 Infrastructure fund \$21,464,744
 I-25 Interchange \$149,183,053
 Water/Sewer fund 16,030,562
 Solid Waste fund \$4,074,420

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New Businesses in our Village

AFFORDABLE RV SERVICE

1930 MAIN ST NE STE 9
505 401-0770

We service and repair all major
RV appliances!

CHAVEZ SURVEYING LLC

505-450-6120
chavezsurveying@gmail.com

New item to store:

ROCKEN JV DESIGN

1400 Main St NW ste B
Los Lunas, NM 87031
505-300-7696

Rockenjvdesign@gmail.com
Newly added Boutique Clothing,
Customizable Gifts and more!!!
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram

AIRBORNE-DATA SERVICES LLC

505 379-8686

ricoj@airborne-data.com

Aerial data services for solar farm
inspections, construction surveys,
terrain mapping, etc.

A BIT OF LOS LUNAS HISTORY

"A Cultural & Economic History of Los Lunas" was written by Los Lunas Library and Museum Director Cynthia Shetter and can be found on the Village's website loslunasnm.gov. This newsletter will run excerpts from Shetter's writing.

In the early 1880s, the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railroad arrived in Los Lunas and in anticipation of the tracks, a depot was constructed in 1879. José Enrique Luna's son Antonio José Luna provided the land for the depot in exchange for \$13,000 to build a new home that became known as the Luna Mansion.

Antonio José died in December of 1881 before construction was completed.

His son Tranquilino Luna, his wife Amalia Jaramillo de Luna, and their son Maximiliano were the first to occupy the home along with his mother Doña Isabela Baca y Luna. Tranquilino transferred the deed into his wife's name and placed the home in a trust.

After Amalia's death, Tranquilino's brother Solomon purchased the home in 1889 and Tranquilino moved to Peralta with his new wife Dolores Chaves Armijo. Eduardo Otero, their nephew, and his wife Josefita Manderfield Otero were the next to reside in the home (Sullivan, 1975).

They are the individuals responsible for turning the territorial style home into the antebellum style we see today. Josefita's son Theodore Roosevelt Armijo-Otero and family were the last of the Luna family to reside in the mansion.

WAYS TO USE YOUR LIBRARY

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://loslunasnmlibrary.libanswers.com/>.

Simply text from any phone service and your question will pop up at the library. The number to text is 505 376-4008 and <https://www.facebook.com/LosLunasVet>.

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, June 19, 2023

Juneteenth Day
All Village offices are closed
Monday garage pickup on
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Tuesday July 4, 2023

Independence Day
All Village offices are closed
Tuesday garage pickup on
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade
Main Street from Lambros Loop to
Don Pasqual
Register Your Entry Now
Online at loslunasnm.gov
Grounds Open 3 p.m. at Daniel
Fernandez Park
Fireworks at Dark

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, June 8 & 22
6 p.m. Thursday, July 6 & 201
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and
in-person.
Check Village website for agenda
loslunasnm.gov.

LIBRARY SELECTED

The Los Lunas Public Library has been selected as partner in a national project on gender equitable and culturally responsive science learning.

The library has been selected as one of 12 libraries to participate in the STAR Net STEAM Equity Project, a competitive grant program that will enable the library and its collaborators to offer special programs, educational products, and exhibitions.

TIDBITS

Saturday, June 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Teofilo's Restaurant, Richard Melzer, Cynthia Shetter and John Taylor will discuss New Mexico Medal of Honor recipients including Daniel D. Fernandez of Los Lunas.

The Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts will host a concert of contemporary Western songs July 19, 2023. Call the museum for more information at 505 352-7720.