



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## VILLAGE RECEIVES FUNDING

The Village of Los Lunas was successful in obtaining 2023 Legislative Capital Outlay funds for five of the ten requests made for funding.

The Village will receive the following:

1. Parks and Recreation Activity Vans, 2 units \$120,000
2. NM 6 Sound Barrier Wall \$750,000
3. Daniel Fernandez Park Improvements \$535,000
4. Sun Ranch and NM 6 Intersection Improvements \$950,000
5. Police Vehicle Replacement \$345,000

These funds will support various recreation program activities, emergency response and roadway improvements. When the agreements obtain approval these funds can be used as soon as July 24, 2023.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Remember to honor veterans and soldiers in every branch of the military for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023. 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 29, 2023.

## NEW BOOK ON FERNANDEZ

A new book has been published about Los Lunas Medal of Honor winner Daniel D. Fernandez: Daniel D. Fernandez The Man Behind the Medal.

Los Lunas Library director Cynthia Shetter is the co-author of the book with noted New Mexico writers Richard Melzer and John Taylor.

Please see this Facebook page for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2mx479>.

Copies of the book can be purchased at the Los Lunas Library. Proceeds benefit the Los Lunas VFW chapter. \$25 per copy.

## BELIEVE IN HEROES RUN

The 11th Annual Believe in Heroes Memorial Run fundraising running event begins at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, June 3, 2023.

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

The event is presented by L.I.V.E., Inc., (Los Lunas Invested in Veteran Events) and raises funds supporting various veteran groups.

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](http://www.loslunasvet.com). Call Chris at 505 480-2639 for information.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2023, New Mexico L.I.V.E. hosts an event commemorating the date and honoring Valencia County veterans.

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## META DATA CENTER GRANTS AWARDED

The 2023 Meta Data Center Community Action Grants recipients have been announced.

Grants were awarded at an event held at the Los Lunas Data Center which brought together this year's grant recipients, community partners, Meta team members, and local leaders! Meta was formerly called Facebook. Through the Data Center Community Action Grants program, Meta provides funding for nonprofits and schools — and their projects that help put the power of technology to use for community benefit, connect people online or off and improve STEM education — to support the long-term vitality of Valencia County. Here's a little more on this year's recipients:

Facebook has committed to building strong partnerships within the community, and embracing the opportunity to have a positive local impact.

Belen Consolidated Schools - Belen High School: To support high school student engagement in information technology pathways by providing academic, technical and collaborative skills via competitive eSports, \$5,000.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central New Mexico: To support connecting students ages 6-12 in need of community-based mentoring services with one-to-one volunteer mentors in Los Lunas Schools, \$4,000.

Community Wellness Council: To support development of a Valencia County Service Directory app and web-based tool to address critical community health and service needs, \$9,000.

Dennis Chavez Elementary-Belen: To support creating a STEM unit in Physical Education involving STEM with bowling, \$3,400.

Explora Science Center & Children's Museum: To support Explora to provide STEM programming via "Community Science in Valencia County" for underserved children and families, \$15,000.

H2 Academic Solutions: To support a LEGO Robotics program for students in Belen to expand their STEM-based exposure and explore broader possibilities, \$5,600.

Los Lunas Middle School: To support engineering and enhanced STEAM education for students, \$5,000.

Los Lunas Schools: To support expanding virtual reality usage in middle and high school STEM education and support the development of industry certifications in school, \$40,000.

Rio Communities Optimist Club: To support STEM robotics camps for K-8 students across Valencia County, \$5,500.

School of Dreams Academy (S.O.D.A.): Education Foundation To support the expansion of a robust Biosafety Level 1 and 2 STEM Research Lab and program in Valencia County for all students \$20,000.

Sundance Elementary School (Los Lunas): To support increased student learning outcomes through technology tools by enhancing student voice, choice and access, \$12,000.

Teeniors: To support empowering older adults through intergenerational learning to create paid part-time jobs for youth and to decrease social isolation through genuine human connection, \$20,000.

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association: To support the establishment of amateur radio clubs and stations at two Los Lunas middle schools, \$10,000.

Valencia County Business Incubator: To support funding equipment and technology training for small businesses in Valencia County, \$20.000.

Valencia County Literacy Council: To support digital literacy, education and economic well-being across Valencia County \$20,000.

Valencia Shelter Services: To support updated technology and IT infrastructure for Valencia Shelter Services staff and survivors, \$15,500.

Wilderwood Equine Therapy: To support creating an online volunteer management system for Wilderwood Equine Therapy for autistic adults and children, \$2,000.

## CLEANING UP THE VILLAGE

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard on Saturday, April 22, participating in the "Toss No Mas Event," also known as "Trek for Trash Event" held at the Village Administration building, at Don Pasqual and Main Street.

A special thanks goes to the Village Parks and Recreation Department for the use of their transportation vans.

Nine volunteers and two Village staff workers assisted in the event. In addition, Niagara Bottling Company provided another seven volunteers plus several cases of water.

The group effort successfully cleaned up Desert Willow and Purple Sage roadways collecting 20 large bags of litter.

Volunteer verification forms were handed out by William Minier, Los Lunas

Clean and Beautiful Coordinator. In addition, water, trash bags, and gloves were provided to the volunteers.

Village staff is currently coordinating the upcoming America Recycling Day Event set for Saturday, May 13th, 2023 which will be held from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 352-7699 for more details.



Volunteers prepare to clean the Village.

## ARTS ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

Works of young artists are on display at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts through June 10, 2023. On display are the works of the winners of the 10th Annual Student Art Show the theme of which is Musica Y Baile (Music and Dance).

The museum is located at the intersection of Main Street and Luna Avenue under the downtown water tower.

Winners of the art contest:

### HIGH SCHOOL

Best of Show - Kairi Rodriguez for Musica Colrida

First Place Kenya Gomez - Parra for Musica y Baile Permite Viajar

Second Place - Isabella Ortiz for Grandpa's Boots

Third Place Giselle Montes - Castillo for Dancing at Midnight

Honorable Mention - Hannah Neumann for Poetry in Motion

Honorable Mention - Shannon Bock for Dance is Music Made Visible

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Best of Show - Kayla Gonzalez for A Moment of Music

First Place - Arianna Ortega for Golden Hour

Second Place - Bailey McClanahan for Feline Fiddler

Third Place - Daniel Macias for Nature is Music in Disguise

Honorable Mention - Haylee Purdy for Through Dancing

Honorable Mention - Alaina Sanchez for Forest Ballerina

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Best of Show - Gianna Jimenez for Twinkle Toes

First Place - Payton Chavez for Classical Music

Second Place - Zen Craig for The Piano in Space

Third Place - Caroline Villalba for Mariachi Cats

Honorable Mention - Luke Carrasco for Music on the Farm

Honorable Mention - Serene Lee for Korean Fan Dance

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

There's some unique new business waiting for customers in Los Lunas.

**AK Karate by Greg Cole**  
235 Los Lentes Rd. NE  
505 565-1000

**Betty Bouquet**  
959 NM HWY 314 SW Ste C  
505 595-9837  
Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Fresh Flowers and Gift Baskets!

**Cross River Therapy LLC**  
235 Main St SE  
505 295-6685  
Provider of at-home and clinic-based ABA therapy for children on the spectrum.

**Lucky Binz LLC**  
959 NM HWY 314 SW Ste E  
505 615-0285  
Sun & Mon 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Tue, Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
RESTOCKS are on Fridays!!

**Southwest Sculpting Spa**  
2060 Main St NE Ste B  
Call for an appointment:  
505 615-7722

**Vivid Beauty Body Sculpting Academy**  
Body sculpting services and training academy! Laser lipo, wood therapy, & vacuum BBL!  
CALL to set an appointment:  
505 712-4515

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mosquitoes can be annoying and sometimes pose a serious risk to public health.

In certain areas of the United States, mosquitoes can transmit diseases like West Nile Virus and equine encephalitis. To combat mosquitoes and the public health hazards they present, the Village of Los Lunas has established a mosquito control program.

What can the citizens do to help control mosquitos:

- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often.
- Keep swimming pools treated and circulating and rain gutters unclogged.
- Make sure window and door screens are “bug tight.”

Who is involved?

- State and local government agencies play a critical role in protecting public health from mosquito-borne diseases.
- They provide information to the medical and environmental networks that first identify possible outbreaks.
- They manage mosquito control programs that carry out prevention, public education and vector population management.

## LOCAL EVENTS

### Monday May 29, 2023

Memorial Day  
All Village offices are closed  
Monday garbage pickup on  
Tuesday, May 30, 2023

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Saturday  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Monday June 2

9:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
9th Annual Family Expo  
Daniel Fernandez Youth Center  
Food Face Painting Rock Wall  
Music Community Resources Youth  
Program Scholarships  
Sponsored in part by United Way of  
Central NM

### Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, April 13 & 27  
6 p.m. Thursday, May 11 & 25  
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).

## LOS LUNAS LIBRARY

505 839-3850

Stop by the library at 460 Main St. NE to check out a book, DVD or CD. And check out all the events at the library for kids and teenagers and even adults.

And try out the Los Lunas Library app for your smart phone. Go to this link for more information: <https://tinyurl.com/y5vmktuxBUSINESS>.

## CREATE A DEFENSIBLE RING

It's a good time of year to create a defensible ring around buildings, says Los Lunas Fire Chief John Gabaldon.

Protect your home and/or business against fire.