



VILLAGE NEWS



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BREAKING GROUND

Ground is expected to be broken in August 2025 on the second Interchange / Los Lunas Boulevard Corridor Project.

The new road will span from Interstate 25 on the west, coming across NM Hwy. 314, and ending at NM Hwy 47.

Included in phase one of construction is a new I-25 exit and interchange south of Main Street, a four-lane bridge across the Rio Grande, and a two-lane highway from I-25 to NM Hwy 47. Future phase two of the project, which is not yet funded, will add a second lane in each direction from I-25 to NM 47.

The project was originally set to begin in November 2024, but the start date was moved to Summer 2025 due to an unexpected delay in the bidding process. The Village Council approved the low bidder, El Terrero Construction LLC, in April 2025.

The budget for phase one of the project is approximately \$172 million with the bulk of the money coming from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT).

The Village has committed a total of \$18 million through a combination of general funds and State Investment Bank (SIB) loan funding.

AUTHOR WILL BE HERE

Noted author Anne Hillerman will be at the Village Transportation Center Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. to talk and sign books.

The Los Lunas Transportation Center is next to the Rail Runner station off Courthouse Road.

She is the winner of the 2024 Will Rogers Medallion for Western Mystery Fiction.

Copies of many of Anne's books will be available for sale and signing.

The event is sponsored by Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts.

PARADE
9 AM
ON MAIN STREET
FROM LAMBROS LOOP
TO DON PASQUAL

AFTERNOON
EVENTS
AT DANIEL FERNANDEZ
PARK

FIREWORKS
AFTER DARK

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THE VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Village produces an annual report filled with handy information about what is occurring throughout the community and Village offices.

Over the next months the Village newsletter will run excerpts from that 2024 Annual Report which is available on the Village website [loslunasnm.gov](https://www.loslunasnm.gov).

This month we have the second-half of the information about the Village Administration.

In 2024, the Administration Department took on a number of critical projects to improve communications between the Village and the public, effectively manage public records, and plan for future needs.

In May, after a six-month effort, the Village website was completely redesigned and relaunched, providing a modern and easy-to-navigate avenue for public information and community events.

Following the relaunch of the website, the department overhauled the public records inspection (IPRA) process by creating an online submission form for records requests and establishing a central point of contact for responses.

Finally, at the end of the year, the Village engaged with Wilson & Company to complete a Strategic Facilities Plan, looking at current and projected future staffing and facility needs in Village Hall and the Transportation Center.

The Administration Department was restructured this year to include the Economic Development Division, facilitating a streamlined process for supporting the Village's economic development goals.

Los Lunas saw continued growth while still supporting local businesses.

The New Business Luncheon Initiative, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center, provided quarterly opportunities for local entrepreneurs to connect with resources and agencies.

A new partnership with the Greater Valencia County Chamber of Commerce provides additional support for ribbon cuttings and other events. The division also worked to bring in new investment to the Village by responding to nearly a dozen leads on industrial property and submitting sites as Potential Recruitment Opportunities (PROs) through statewide and regional economic development agencies.

The Village's Economic Development Division also coordinated a number of new events in 2024, including a Job Fair & Career Expo and an Oktoberfest Celebration.

The Job Fair & Career Expo, was a resounding success, attracting over 50 employers and 300 job seekers, with numerous on-the-spot interviews and job offers, and the Oktoberfest celebration brought the community together to enjoy local food and entertainment in a family-friendly event.

FARMERS MARKET NOW OPEN

The Los Lunas Farmers Market is scheduled to be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, May through October, weather permitting, in the area of Heritage Park on Lambros Loop.

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 food cards accepted such as EBT and Fresh RX cards.

COMMUNITY CONNECT HELPS FIRE SAFETY

The Los Lunas Fire Department is working with Community Connect, a program designed to improve the community's safety and emergency response.

All Village residents have access to this platform, which allows users to securely share valuable information with local emergency responders.

Community Connect enables residents to provide important property information (such as details about household members, pets, and unique access points) directly to the Los Lunas Fire Department.

This information helps ensure more effective and informed responses during emergencies, benefiting you and your loved ones.

Learn more and create your household life safety profile today on the Los Lunas Community Connect website <https://www.communityconnect.io/files/mn-loslunas>.

NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IN LOS LUNAS

Time for another reminder that, in accordance with Chapter 10.24 of the Los Lunas Municipal Code, it is unlawful in the Village of Los Lunas for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon a street or highway while using a mobile telephone, or other electronic device, to create, send, or read a text or instant message, or receive or transmit data, including but not limited to photographs, snapshots or electronically transmitted images, or any other data, whether the vehicle is in motion or not.

The exception is the use of a mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an emergency situation:

- a. an emergency response operator;
- b. a hospital, physician's office or health clinic;
- c. an ambulance company or corps;
- d. a fire department, district or company;
- e. a police department or sheriff's office, including any law enforcement officers and police officers while in the discharge of their official duties;
- f. emergency services officials, first aid, emergency medical technicians and personnel, or any fire safety officials in the performance of duties arising out of and in the course of their employment.

Also an exception is the use of a hands-free mobile telephone when used in a hands-free manner.

The ordinance (Ord #457, passed in June 2021), does not authorize the seizure or forfeiture of a handheld mobile communication device.

The handheld mobile communication device used in the violation of the ordinance is not subject to search by a law enforcement officer during a traffic stop made pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance.

LIBRARY TIDBITS

The Village Library offers a wide variety of activities every month for teens.

On May 21, Explora workshop Makey Makey1 starts at 2:30 p.m.

Beginning VR and X-Box Gaming happens on Thursdays in May.

Monday through Friday After School Maker activities are available.

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

LOVE THEM AND LEASH THEM

Reasons to keep your dog on a leash:

Natural dangers can be found in parks and on trails.

Your dog could run off and get lost.

Your dog rushing up to someone may be an unwelcome and scary surprise.

It's the law. In the Village dogs are permitted on the streets or public places only if they are secured on a leash not exceeding 8 feet in length.

VETERANS MEMORIAL RUN

New Mexico LIVE Inc, Los Lunas Invested in Veterans Events, presents the 13th annual Los Lunas Veterans Memorial Run on June 7.

Past events have raised over \$147,000 to support veterans in the community and veteran organizations such as the VFW, Blue Star Mothers, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warrior Project, and American Legion as well as others.

New Mexico LIVE hosts the annual Veterans Day event held at Daniel Fernandez Park.

Sponsors of the June 7 event include Jubilee of Los Lunas, Printer's Press, Main Street Muscle and Fitness, American Legion, RAKS Building Supply and the Village of Los Lunas.

The event includes 5K run / walk, 10K run, 5K rucksack and kids K. It starts at the Starlight Theater parking lot at 2226 Huning Ranch Loop SW. The site offers spectacular views of El Cerro de Los Lunas and the Manzano Mountains.

Water and sports drinks will be available. Register online at www.LosLunasVet.com.



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Event Center

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, May 26, 2025

Memorial Day

Village Offices closed.

Garbage picked up Monday
will be picked up Tuesday

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, May 8 & 22, 2025

6 p.m. Thursday, June 12 & 26, 2025

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 VILLAGE MUSEUM

Making Your Art Professional on a Budget will be presented by Village of Los Lunas Museum Technician and Artist Monica Kemsley beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Museum located at the intersection of Main Street and Luna Avenue.

Kemsley will discuss strategies for making your art professional without framing services.

She will cover:

- Guidelines for calls for art
- Self-framing
- Conducting a wiring demonstration
- How to select nice pre-made frames
- Pre-planning your art

A free Paint Party will be held at the Village Museum on Saturdays May 17 and 31 beginning at 2 p.m.

All supplies will be provided. The event is for ages 14 and up.

Reservations are required. Call the museum at 505 352-7720 to reserve your spot.

The Museum is sponsoring a day trip to Santa Fe Saturday, May 24. Transportation will leave the museum at 8:15 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

A visit to two museums and time to eat and shop plus a visit on the plaza will be scheduled. There will be a \$5 charge per person which includes admission to the Indian Arts and Culture Museum and the International Folk Art Museum. Lunch purchases will be extra.