

OUR MUSEUM HISTORY COLLECTION

The Village Museum has a library dedicated to the history of the area and the history of New Mexico to aid in research.

The Museum carries a wide variety of transcribed church records from local parishes to aid in the search for information.

Museum staff have created an extensive genealogy database linking historic residents and have recorded a variety of oral histories that can be drawn upon to fulfill your genealogy research needs.

The Museum has a computer lab to access genealogy resources. There is a comprehensive online source of information for conducting genealogical and local history research, providing access to over 10 billion historical records.

Ancestry Library Edition provides access to billions of historical documents, millions of historical photos, plus local narratives, oral histories, indexes and other resources in over 30,000 databases that span from the 1500s to the 2000s. Available on the Museum and Library public access computers.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOS LUNAS

The Village of Los Lunas makes quality of life amenities a priority.

The Parks and Recreation Department maintains 17 parks and two open space preserves, runs youth and adult sports leagues throughout the year, and organizes special events like the Fourth of July Celebration and the Christmas Light Parade.

The Los Lunas Public Library offers a wealth of in-person and digital resources and acts as a hub for STEAM events and educational programming.

The Museum of Heritage & Arts, a branch of the Public Library, showcases the arts, culture and history of Valencia County.

Many other attractions and events are located throughout the region as well – learn more on the official Los Lunas Roads Less Traveled Tourism website visitloslunas.org.

Visit the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts to experience the 13th Annual Adult Art Show, featuring the theme “Vida, Cultura y Familia.” The exhibition will be open until January 31, 2026.

LOCAL EVENTS

Christmas Holiday

Dec. 24 & Dec. 25
Village Offices Closed
Wednesday garbage picked up
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Thursday garbage picked up
Friday, Dec. 26

New Years Holiday

Jan 1, 2026
Village Offices Closed
Thursday garbage picked up
Friday, Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, Jan. 19
Village Offices Closed
Monday garbage picked up
Tuesday, Jan. 20

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025
6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15 & 29, 2026
660 Main St. NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and in-person. Check Village website for agenda loslunasnm.gov/agendacenter.



VILLAGE NEWS

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IN THE LOOP SERIES INFORMS

Watch the new LLoop series on Facebook!

You'll find a big Welcome to Los Lunas In the LLoop!

This new video series from the Village of Los Lunas brings you closer to what's happening in the community — from project updates and upcoming events to behind-the-scenes looks inside departments.

In the LLoop Episode 2: is entitled It Takes More Than A Village? The question why some roads are maintained by the Village while others aren't maintained by the Village is answered.

Another question answered is who to call when there's a power outage, road issue, or construction projects?

Episode 3 of In the LLoop breaks down jurisdiction — explaining the difference between Village, County and State entities and privately owned companies like PNM, New Mexico Gas, Xfinity, and others.

Understanding who's responsible for what helps everyone know where to turn when something needs attention — and how all of these partners work together to keep Los Lunas running smoothly.

In the Lloop can teach how to use the Village's interactive GIS map to find out whether you're in the Village limits, what council district you live in, and more.

Stay informed, stay connected — and stay In the LLoop!



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KING OF THE HILL RETURNS MARCH 7, 2026

King of the Hill offers 100% trail running at 5k, 10k, and half marathon distances.

The races will take place in the beautiful and challenging trails of El Cerro de Los Lunas Preserve.

The courses feature beautiful views and large elevation changes on the 10k and half marathon courses.

The event has grown every year, and this 10th annual event will be the biggest and best yet!

Price List:

5K:

January 2nd-February 1st: \$35
February 2nd-March 1st: \$40
March 2nd-Race Day: \$45

10K/10K Rucksack:

Now-January 1st: \$35
January 2nd-February 1st: \$40
February 2nd-March 1st: \$45
March 2nd-Race Day: \$50

Half Marathon:

Now-January 1st: \$45
January 2nd-February 1st: \$50
February 2nd-March 1st: \$55
March 2nd-Race Day: \$60

Cash Prizes for 1st-3rd overall (men and women):

1st place: \$300
2nd place: \$200
3rd place: \$100

Schedule of events for those registered:

Friday, March 6th:
Packet Pick Up/ In-person Registration at Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center
1103 Hwy 314 SW, Los Lunas 87031
Noon-5pm
You may pick up packets for other runners

Saturday, March 7th:
6:30-7:30: Day of registration and packet pick up
7:30am: Half Marathon Start
8:00am: 10k Start
8:05am: 10k Ruck Start
8:15: 5k Start
9:15 Kids K Start

Register for the event at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/89261>.

Interested in sponsorship opportunities? Contact Matthew Jaramillo (505) 352-7717.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

In the November newsletter fitness information was highlighted. This month we feature information about recreation programs.

Village employees are proud to offer a diverse range of engaging and affordable programs suitable for all ages, interests, and abilities. Whether you're looking for youth sports, seasonal camps, or enrichment classes, there's something here for everyone.

Programs are open to the entire public and aim to bring the community together through recreation, learning, and fun. The programs proudly utilize our beautiful parks, top-notch recreational facilities, and vibrant community spaces to provide safe, high-quality experiences for all participants. If you don't see something that matches your interests, tell someone!

Passionate instructors and new class ideas are needed to expand offerings and better serve the community. Join us and see why Parks and Recreation is at the heart of Los Lunas. Discover new passions, connect with neighbors, and enjoy everything our community has to offer — all at a price that fits your budget.

VISIT THE GIFT SHOP

The Friends of the Library and Museum gift shop has a wide selection of jewelry, handbags, books, and gifts. Come into the gift shop today and browse new items on display ready for you to buy. Your purchase supports our museum and library.

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF ROUTE 66

U.S. Route 66 was established in 1926, connecting Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. 2026 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Route 66.

The Village of Los Lunas was located on the original alignment of Route 66 from 1926 to 1937 before it was rerouted through Albuquerque.

Los Lunas is excited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 and will be hosting events throughout 2026 in honor of the part played in the early years of the Route.

Village officials would like to have a special commemorative logo made to align all of our events.

A graphic artist will create a logo that embodies our history on Route 66. This logo will be used on promotional materials, websites, advertisements, event postings, etc.

Submissions must be made through EntryThingy.com. The title of the call is Route 66 Centennial Logo - Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Each artist may submit up to three unique designs or variation. For the purposes of the initial application, an image of your logo design is sufficient.

If selected, a vector file that can be expanded without losing quality is expected. The logo should be circular. Logo should be in color, but if selected, a black and white version will also be requested.

If you would like to submit the corresponding B&W version with your application, please feel free to do so.

This call is open to all artists living in the United States. There is no cost for entry for artists. Top three artists selected will have their designs, names, handles, etc. displayed on posters at the Los Lunas Administrative Building and on the Village website at www.loslunasnm.gov. Letters conveying that the artist was on the short list of winners will be mailed to those artists.

The winning artist will have their logo featured prominently on marketing collateral and events pertaining to Route 66 activities. They will also receive a one-time cash prize of \$250.

DO NOT USE ROCK SALT

Spring is approaching but winter is here and we can be covered in ice and snow.

Please do not use rock salt to de-ice sidewalks and driveways, as it can soften and eat away at the concrete causing damage. Concrete safe type de-icer can be purchased at a variety of stores.

NEW SEWER AVERAGE

Average calculations for single family residential accounts will be reflected on the March statement once February's usage is registered.

This will be your new sewer average rate for the year until it is calculated again in February 2027 per ordinance 13.8.120.

LIBRARY OFFERS MANY SERVICES

Message from Los Lunas Library Director Cynthia Shetter - "The Los Lunas Public Library is More Than Just Books..."

Need to print a document from your smart phone or other mobile device? Want to learn a new language or need help with homework? The Los Lunas Public Library offers a wide variety of in-person and online services. At the library you can find a guide to all the services that the Los Lunas Public Library and the branch library, the Museum of Heritage & Arts, presently provide. Everyone is invited to utilize all the services offered.

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

We all spend more at certain times of the year. The holiday season is usually a time for more spending.

Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) is imposed on goods and services throughout New Mexico, including the Village of Los Lunas. Revenue collected from GRT benefits our local communities.

The minimum combined 2026 sales tax rate for Los Lunas is 8.425%, which is the total of state, county and municipal tax rates.

The State of New Mexico's portion is 4.875%, Valencia County's portion is 1.375%, and the Village of Los Lunas's portion is 2.175%.

