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MAJOR MANUFACTURING FACILITY COMING

New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham has announced that a capital investment group has committed to creating over 950 jobs and investing more than \$2 billion in the construction of an aluminum can sheet rolling mill and recycling center in Valencia County.

The group has signed a letter of intent to purchase a 1,300-acre parcel in Los Lunas with construction set to start by late 2023 and manufacturing in 2026. The facility would be powered with 100% renewable energy from PNM and have the capacity to manufacture up to 1.3 billion pounds of aluminum annually, with plans to ensure 85% recycled content after the mill is fully operational.

“The partnerships we have built to create and grow a renewable energy economy in New Mexico is appealing to businesses as they look for friendly locations to expand,” Gov. Lujan Grisham said. “Aluminum that is produced with a low-carbon footprint is in demand as customers continue to push for sustainability, and this innovative new project in Valencia County positions New Mexico to benefit from this industry.”

Louisville-based Manna Capital Partners, a private investment firm whose founding partners are Ulysses L. “Junior” Bridgeman and Kevin R. Attkisson, will lead the project and construct and operate the mill.

Ball Corporation, a leading global provider of infinitely recyclable beverage packaging, will enter into a long-term supply agreement and also intends to take a minority equity position.

Manna chose New Mexico in part because of its competitive business climate, proximity to a transportation network including rail service, the growth in can-making facilities across the Southwestern United States, and Gov. Lujan Grisham’s commitment to sustainable energy. The governor has specifically targeted sustainable manufacturing for additional state investment in order to diversify New Mexico’s economy and create higher-paying jobs.

The State of New Mexico is pledging \$5 million from its Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) job-creation fund to support the project with assistance paid out as the manufacturer reaches economic development benchmarks, to be determined in a Project Participation Agreement.

The jobs will pay an average of \$68,000 a year and the project is expected to have an economic impact of \$3.4 billion over 10 years.

“This state investment will not only bring new higher-paying jobs for New Mexicans, but it expands our manufacturing footprint with sustainable, responsible products that will see increasing demand,” Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes said.

She continued. “The Economic Development Department and our partners worked together for months to bring this project here. We competed against 10 other sites and now these jobs are coming to New Mexico. True collaborative efforts like this one result in great successes for our state.”

The Albuquerque Regional Economic Alliance (AREA) received the initial inquiry from the firm, and subsequently played a critical role in the site selection process and provided key assistance to the investors.

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“Since last August, when AREA was contacted by Manna Capital Partners and introduced to its project, AREA’s Director of Business Development Grant Taylor has worked as a central point to collect data, make partner connections, and turn over every stone that helped the company to make its decision to locate in the region,” Danielle Casey, president and CEO of AREA, said. “Manna’s team has demonstrated that it will be a tremendous corporate citizen in the state and an employer of choice in the region. From Gov. Lujan Grisham to Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego and numerous economic development partners in between, we’re grateful to everyone’s investment and ongoing stewardship to ensure this project’s success.”

The global demand for aluminum cans is expected to see strong growth over the next decade. From wine to hard seltzer and flavored water to energy drinks, canned beverages are growing and preferred by consumers.

“There is increasing demand for recycled aluminum packaging from beverage makers driven by a push for sustainability. New Mexico has given us the opportunity to respond with what we expect to be the newest state-of-the-art aluminum rolling mill in North America. This project will positively impact people’s lives and is a win-win for everybody,” Junior Bridgeman, managing partner of Manna Capital Partners, said.

The Village of Los Lunas is also assisting the manufacturer with the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds and will act as the fiscal agent. The project may also qualify for a percentage of the GRT it spends on construction to be rebated, under a 2021 law signed by Gov. Lujan Grisham that allows for a portion of construction-related gross receipts tax to be rebated back to companies for large, significant, job-creating projects.

“Manna Capital Partners planned investment in the Village of Los Lunas is a tremendous win for our community as we continue to work each day to retain and attract businesses and employees. It sends a strong message that our community is growing, thriving, and an attractive place for companies to locate and succeed,” Los Lunas Mayor Charles Griego said.

“This is a great day for the Village of Los Lunas, Valencia County, the Greater Albuquerque metro, and the state of New Mexico,” said Griego. “The jobs and the investment will reverberate for years and generations to come. The Economic Development Department and AREA played a significant role in making the overall process seamless and deserve a special thank you for their continued support.”

The assistance is pending formal review and approvals from the governing bodies of Valencia County and the Village of Los Lunas.

The Public Service Company of New Mexico is working closely with Manna throughout the process to ensure renewable energy goals are realized. The manufacturing process will require in excess of 500,000 megawatts of electricity a year.

“PNM is proud of the work we’ve done to move our electric generation closer and closer to 100% carbon free. Working together with the Governor and her administration, New Mexico’s clean energy transition efforts are being noticed by companies who value environmentally sustainable energy. Our combined efforts are providing economic opportunities and new jobs to New Mexicans,” said PNM CEO and Chairman of the Board Pat Vincent-Collawn.

FIRE DANGER!

New Mexico is currently suffering from a drought. Fires have ravaged many areas of New Mexico. This is not a time to be playing with any kind of fire.

Be extremely careful everywhere and be aware of what may be going on around you especially if it concerns fire.

Keep Los Lunas, Valencia County and New Mexico safe!

NEW ADDRESS

The mailing address for the Village of Los Lunas is now 660 Main Street NW Los Lunas, NM 87031.

Please update your records with this change of address.

The mailing address had been P.O. Box 1209, Los Lunas NM 87031.

Village Administration Office: 505 839-3840

BE MINDFUL OF BIRDS

Thanks to Los Lunas resident Sarina Gutierrez for this wildlife reminder in the Village.

Now that we are well into warm weather, people need to be mindful of the wildlife in the area.

People should take care not to attract unwanted visitors by leaving food out that is tempting to wildlife, in particular bird feeders should be placed strategically.

Everyone likes to watch birds close up which can be harmless enough. However, feeders attract cats who catch the birds, which is cat nature. Bird seed on the ground attracts mice which attracts cats and snakes! Then you’ve got a mouse, cat, snake infestation!

Squirrels will also be brought in by the free meal and be a target for dogs, cats and snakes.

Watch all birds responsibly. Place feeders high and away from adjacent structures. Clean the fallen seeds away often to avoid critters gathering on the ground.

The Village Code Enforcement team, who have to respond to calls of “pests,” will be thankful for the consideration of everyone in the Village who takes the time and make these simple changes to feeders.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The 2022 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, beer garden, entertainment for the kids, an artisan market, and one of the largest fireworks displays in the state! Among the entertainers will be Baracutanga and Daniel Solis. Applications for food and artisan vendors 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 following the event's application deadline.

Food Truck Information

- Seeking the finest local, creative cuisine (freshly made / prepared preferred).
- The fee to participate is \$250 for full service food vendor, \$100 for specialty vendor.

Artisan Market Vendors Details

- Locally handcrafted items or pre-prepared artisanal food and drink only.
- Reselling a previously manufactured craft item will not be accepted.
- The fee to participate as a market vendor is \$25.
- Fee includes a space in the artisan tent, with 10' of frontage, one 6' table, and two chairs.

Los Lunas Parks & Recreation reserves the right to select vendors it deems appropriate for any given event. Priority is given first to local artisans and crafters.

Factors involved in the decision include, but are not limited to: quality of product, quality of presentation, uniqueness, clarity of application, past performance and presentation at Village sponsored events.

SPECIAL LOS LUNAS EVENTS

The Village of Los Lunas Parks and Recreation Department hosts a variety of special events among which include.

- King of the Hill
 - Egg Hunt
 - Fourth of July Parade
 - Fourth of July Celebration
 - Halloween Extravaganza
 - Christmas Parade
 - Santa Claus is Coming to Town & Tree Lighting
 - Light Up the Village
- Parks and Recreation also coordinates:
- Badlands Drive In events
 - Daniel Fernandez Recreation Center
 - Fitness Center Fitness Classes
 - Open Basketball Gym
 - The Dance Program
 - Sports
 - Adult Sports
 - Youth Sports
 - Valencia County Senior Olympics E-Sports
 - Open Space

Check out www.loslunasnm.gov.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR LL SCHOOLS

Los Lunas Schools ninth annual golf tournament will be held at at Isleta Eagle Golf Course on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

For more info and the entry form see this web page: http://www.llschools.net/news/l_l_s_golf_tournament.

DRIVE-IN THEATER OPEN

The Los Lunas drive-in theater is open at the former Badlands BMX Park on NM Hwy 314.

Check the Village website, loslunasnm.gov, to find out what movie is playing and when. Movies are often coordinated with special events or holidays, You can pay for movie tickets on line.

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;
- Nonprofit 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.

VIOLA LUNA EXHIBIT

The opening reception for the Viola Luna exhibit at the Village Museum of Heritage & Arts will be Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum, located at the downtown water tower at Main Street and Luna Avenue.

Luna's work will be on display because she was the winner of the 2021 Adult Juried Art Show. The dates of Luna's show are June 25, 2022, through July 30, 2022.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY, MUSEUM NEWS

Friends of the Los Lunas Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts added three new members and elected officers at the April 2022 meeting.

Here is the list of board members:

- Jim Rickey (president)
- Doris Vialpando (vice-president)
- Stephanie Williams (treasurer)
- Michelle Osowski (secretary); (new board member)
- Tammie Nolde
- Kristi Whistler
- Sarah Garde (new board member)
- Vickie Otero (new board member)

On June 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Friends will hold the first of several mini book sales at the Los Lunas Library.

Due to the amount of work required to set up a sale, a smaller selection of books, probably only two or three subject matters, will be available.

The next book sale at the library will be Saturday, July 9, 2022. Friend members receive a 10% discount off their purchase. But remember there is always a selection of books for sale on shelves in the front hall of the library.

The Friends provides support to the Los Lunas Library and the Museum of Heritage & Arts. Support includes:

- Financial support for prizes for student winners of the children's art show at the museum. The student art show will be on display at the museum through June 11.
- Financial support for the 2022 summer reading program at the library. Learn more about the program at <https://tinyurl.com/3kvwj9j5>.

On May 4, 2022, Los Lunas library director Cynthia Shetter made a presentation on "Who Was Daniel Fernandez?" at the UNM Valencia Work Force Training Center. See the museum's Facebook page to view the video: <https://tinyurl.com/3fpnvju>.

Membership in The Friends of the Los Lunas Public Library and Museum of Heritage & Arts is available to anyone. Link to the membership form: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhzh5fm>.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dog (and other animals) days of summer

It's the dogs days of summer, get your pets summer-proofed at these local pet grooming places:

(new business)

Day of the Dog Pet Spa
209 Hwy 314 NW STE A
505 900-4433
Alberta Lovato

(new owner)

Animal Hospital of Los Lunas
419 Main St SW
505 866-1852
Patrick Sanchez DVM

(new owner)

Starr grooming
1910 Main St NE STE F
505 589-0677
Ray Morris

Serenity Pet Spa

227 Santa Fe St SE
505 565-0006
Amanda Telles

LOCAL EVENTS

Monday, July 4, 2022 9 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade
Main Street from Lambros Loop
to Don Pasqual
Register Your Entry Now
Online at loslunasnm.gov

Monday, July 4, 2022

Independence Day
Village Offices Closed
Monday, July 4, 2022
Garbage collected
Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Farmers Market

Tuesdays 4 – 7 p.m.
Heritage Park on Lambros Loop
Across from Smiths Grocery
Fresh locally produced items

Attend a Village Council Meeting

6 p.m. Thursday, June 9 & 23, 2022
6 p.m. Thursday, July 14 & 28, 2022
660 Main St NW
Main Street and Don Pasqual
Meetings will be virtual and in-person.
Check Village website for agenda
loslunasnm.gov.

9TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

The Village Museum of Heritage & Arts held its 9th annual Student Art Show earlier this year with the theme "Miracles and Remedies." Winners are:

HIGH SCHOOL

Best of Show - Eliana Barela - Tata's Ride
First Place Tie - Jacob Linsley - Healing Hands
First Place Tie - Isabella Ortiz - Taos Church
Second Place - Kenya Gomez Parra - Remedies of My Ancestors
Third Place - Rylee Jiron - Land of Enchantment
Honorable Mention- Taylor Wright - Miraculous Remedy
Honorable Mention - Estrella Hernandez – Nature Heals

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Best of Show Daniel Kiehne - Healing Light of God
First Place - Allisson Quezada - Native Cure
Second Place - Olivia Sizemore - Artists That Inspire
Third Place - Lilly Genson - For Healer of The Night
Honorable Mention - Nevaeh Lueras - Memories
Honorable Mention - Winter Hamilton - Japan Miracle

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Best of Show Madyson Nkebengeshe -Butterfly Fun
First Place - Kelsey Cook - The Miracle Jewel
Second Place - Aria Sanchez - My First Church
Third Place - Kyra Ibarra - Cover of Waiting
Honorable Mention - Avery Moriarty - Remedy of Boredom
Honorable Mention - Serene Lee - Korean Folk Painting