

CITY CONNECT

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Accessing Information and Connecting with City Departments

The City of Truth or Consequences is committed to providing accurate and timely information to the public. Our departments comply with the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) to ensure transparency and access to public records. IPRA request information is available at torcnm.gov/ipra, with Police Department IPRA requests found at torcnm.gov/policeipra.

Residents can find resources and updates on our official website at torcnm.gov. For department-specific inquiries, visit the Contact Us page at torcnm.gov/contactus. You may also email the Public Information Officer directly at cgaston@torcnm.gov to be connected with the appropriate city staff member.

Our goal is to make communication clear and efficient. Whether you need information about city projects, public records, or general services, we are here to assist you promptly and professionally.



Maintaining Safe and Accessible Facilities at Ralph Edwards Park

Following recent vandalism at Ralph Edwards Park, the City has temporarily closed the men's restroom near the basketball court while repairs are underway. Learn which facilities remain open, how the City is exploring security improvements that respect privacy, and how residents can help protect shared public spaces. Read the full update on our website.

City Evaluates Schwarze Vacuum Street Sweeper

Truth or Consequences is exploring a new way to keep streets cleaner and safer. A high-tech vacuum sweeper recently made its debut in town, promising better debris removal and improved environmental protection. City staff weighed in on its performance, and big decisions are on the horizon—including a significant investment and loan application. What does this mean for our roads and community? Read the full story at torcnm.gov

Foch Street Project Update

During the weeks of December 22 and 29, the utility line locating company completed line locations in preparation for upcoming construction. Staging also took place, and contractors were onsite. Foch Street remained open to traffic during this phase. Starting January 5, Foch Street closed to traffic in accordance with the traffic control plan. On January 5 at 6:30 a.m., crews began setting up traffic control, and by 8:00 a.m., the asphalt subcontractor began removing asphalt near the curb from Main to Broadway.

OUR CITY WORKS STATS FOR DECEMBER

ELECTRIC

- 9 electric poles replaced
- 5 new services
- 7 poles removed for Foch St. construction

WATER SERVICES

- 18 Leaks Repaired
- 15 Active Leaks
- 0 Lines Replaced

Gallons:

- Reuse water produced 18,857,000
- Reuse water sold 988,040
- Reuse water to golf course 2,124,098
- Reuse water to ball fields 381,000
- Reuse water to river 16,351,902

POLICE

- 1055 calls for service
- 224 traffic stops
- 175 citations

Thank you!

The Waste Collection and Recycling Center wants to thank everyone for being patient with the holiday closures and waiting to come to the center during their open hours. They are working on their holiday calendar for 2026 and it will go live within the week. Find the calendar on the city homepage.





Leash Up for a Safer Community

While some animal ordinances may change in the future, key rules remain to keep public spaces safe and enjoyable. One of the most important is keeping pets under “immediate control” when off your property. For dogs, that means a secure collar or harness with a leash no longer than six feet. Cats (and ferrets) must also be leashed with a properly fitting harness. Even friendly pets can make others uncomfortable, so please leash your dog or cat in **all public areas**. Together, we can ensure our parks and streets stay welcoming and safe for everyone.



Recent dump site on Morgan Street

Rising Illegal Dumping Poses Environmental Concerns

The Streets Department has encountered a growing number of illegal dumping sites throughout the city, ranging from household waste to construction debris. Dumping materials directly onto soil can cause significant harm by contaminating the ground, damaging vegetation, attracting pests, and increasing the risk of pollutants washing into storm drains and local waterways. Illegal dumping also places additional burden on city resources and detracts from neighborhood safety and appearance. Everyone is encouraged to dispose of waste properly and to use approved options. Call (575) 894-6939 for questions about proper waste disposal.

Shipping Containers Require Planning and Zoning Review

City ordinances require that all shipping containers come before the Commission prior to placement, as outlined in Sec. 11-10-4, 11-10-5 and with the 2022 addition of 11-10-6. Owners with containers placed before 2022 must bring their requests to the Commission as well. Ordinances may be found on the city homepage and questions can be directed to (575) 952-0565.

City Drinking Water — Sanitary Survey & Public Notice

Residents and business owners began receiving a required Tier 2 Public Notice by mail during the week of January 5, 2026, following a sanitary survey of the City’s drinking water system. The notice pertains to two remaining corrective items involving finished water storage tanks that require specialized contractors and additional time. These repairs are expected to be completed by the week ending January 5, 2026, and public notification will continue until all items are verified as complete. For updates, visit torcnm.gov/living/waternotice.php.

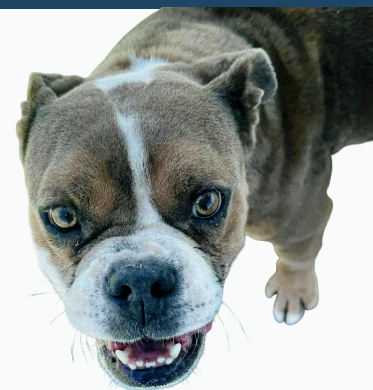
Front Header - Sunrise over Turtleback; **Back Header** - Drying boots at the Animal Shelter

Tree or C New Mexico

Tree or C has planted & given away over 550 trees across Sierra County and is now looking to expand the tree canopy to the Downtown & Hot Springs district of TorC and Williamsburg in Spring 2026. If you live within one of these areas, please feel free to request a tree using the form at [Bit.ly/treeadoption](https://bit.ly/treeadoption). You can also contact us at (575) 740-1838 or treeorc@treenm.org. Please provide your full name, phone number, and address.

Volunteers are needed & are key to making these plantings run smoothly. If you would like to volunteer with Tree or C, please fill out the form here:

[Bit.ly/plantingteam](https://bit.ly/plantingteam) or contact the phone number or email above. No digging or previous tree planting experience required.



Kanga — Meet Kanga! This loving boy is about 1-3 years old. He has returned, sadly. He just ended up being too much energy for his family. Kanga is looking for a family that will run alongside him. He’s still the same loving, happy boy. He still gets along with other dogs, but would probably do best in a home with younger dogs that can match his energy and playfulness. Kanga can’t wait to join your family!

