

CITY CONNECT

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Big Momentum for Ralph Edwards Skate Park: A Local Win with Big Flow

Big things are happening at Ralph Edwards Park! Using the remaining balance of over \$660,000 in grant funding through a Quality of Life grant and capital appropriation, Truth or Consequences is transforming its beloved skate park into a professionally designed space that's all about flow, youth empowerment, and smart spending. Local contractor Kris Leck—whose son is a pro skater—offered a design-build plan for just \$12,000, saving the city hundreds of thousands and keeping the project on track for completion by June 2026.

Explore the City Blueprint pages to dive into the skate park plans, funding breakdowns, and the story behind this relationship success. Whether you're a skater, a parent, or a park enthusiast, there's something inspiring in how Truth or Consequences is building momentum—one ramp at a time.

Dancing in the Streetlight: Live Music for Locals

Get ready for **TWO NIGHTS** of live music and community fun from **6PM to 10:30PM!** The City is sponsoring **FREE** and alcohol-free concerts on Friday, **August 15 and September 27**. Organized by MainStreet Truth or Consequences, Director Becca Eza has been working tirelessly to secure talented bands and coordinate professional sound and lighting for both evenings. At the heart of it all is Gary Whitehead's vision: a joyful celebration for the people of Truth or Consequences, Williamsburg, Elephant Butte, and all of Sierra County. All visitors are welcome too—just bring your lawn chairs and get ready to dance!



Don't dump it—do it right.

Dumping bulky items like mattresses and furniture near dumpsters or in alleyways isn't just unsightly—it's against city code and poses health risks. The City is seeing a rise in illegal dumping, and we're taking steps to address it. Learn what you can do to help and avoid fines by reading the full story on the city website.



SMART TIP - Gorgeous blooms, dangerous plant: Oleander is in bloom, but it is poisonous to people and pets, so please admire them from a distance!

OUR CITY WORKS STATS FOR JULY

ELECTRIC

11 electric poles replaced

WATER SERVICES

-30 Pipe Leaks Repaired

-24 Active Leaks

-4 Lines Replaced

Gallons:

-Reuse water produced
22,789,000

-Reuse water sold 35,070

-Reuse water to golf course
7,138,200

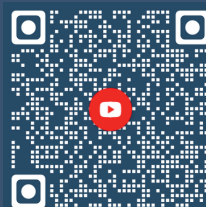
-Reuse water to ball fields
234,000

-Reuse water to river
13,511,000

FALL FIESTA SEPTEMBER 12-13

We're kicking off a mini celebration in honor of the City's 75th Anniversary — Fall Fiesta style! Get ready for contests, food trucks, a game show, and more. Keep your eyes peeled for updates through Fiesta, MainStreet Truth or Consequences, and City info channels. You won't want to miss it!

Watch the Water
Crew Replace a
Main Water Line





Follow the Flow: A Quick Look at Cantrell Dam

Ever wonder where rainwater goes after Mud Mountain? Our tour video offers a quick look at Cantrell Dam, hidden tunnels, and storm marks—no technical talk, just a fun tour with help from the Streets Department.

▶ **Watch now** on our YouTube channel youtube.com/@CityofTorC



Digging up sprinklers

Of Course, We're Going Green!

Thanks to the dedication of community volunteers and the hardworking city staff and officials, the city golf course is beginning to thrive again. The team has been focused on rehabilitating the irrigation system—an ongoing and essential effort. Each of the course's 9 holes has about 30 sprinklers, many of which were buried under 12–20 inches of blown sand. Crews have been digging up every sprinkler they can find, replacing broken parts, and repairing cut-offs to restore water flow and bring back the green.

Under the leadership of Course Supervisor Bob Massena, who has been managing both staff and volunteers, the team hosted a successful volunteer day on Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th. Residents dropped by to lend a hand, share their skills, and reconnect with the course.

Volunteers play a vital role in revitalizing our public spaces. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to the department that aligns with your interests—we'd love to see how your talents can help your community grow.

Roundabout Care That Respects Our Roots

To maintain clean and attractive landscaping in the roundabouts, the City of Truth or Consequences has partnered with Superior Weed and Pest for vegetation management services. As part of this effort, Pendulum herbicide is being applied to control the growth of unwanted weeds and grasses. This pre-emergent treatment helps preserve the health of native and drought-tolerant plants while keeping the area weed-free.

Applications are scheduled twice a year—once in spring and once in fall—and are conducted by licensed professionals in accordance with state safety regulations. For more details, including the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), please visit the **Public Notices** page on the City website.

RECYCLING REMINDER

We're now accepting bagged mixed and shredded paper at the TorC Collection Center! And don't forget — recycling all cardboard helps keep our solid waste fees low and our community clean. Thank you for doing your part!

— *Sustainable TorC (Formerly the Recycling Committee under The Bountiful Alliance)*

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NATALIE is a 3-year-old German Shepherd mix with a heart full of love. She's potty trained, leash trained, and gets along wonderfully with everyone she meets. As one of the shelter's longest residents, she's patiently waiting for the right person to discover her sweet nature and loyal spirit. Could that be you?

