

CITY CONNECT
MAY 2026

Celebrating 12 Issues of Community Connection

This month marks our 12th edition of the City Connect newsletter, and we're grateful for every opportunity to share stories about our community, highlighting city projects, partnerships with outstanding organizations, and gentle reminders about the local laws and guidelines that help keep everyone safe and thriving. If you'd like to share City Connect with others, send them to **torcnm.gov/contact**; at the bottom of the page they can sign up to receive the e-letter directly in their inbox.

Evolving Our Structure to Support Citywide Operations

City staff recently updated job descriptions to align with the Commission's approved employee structure, strengthening support for all City departments. At the April 8, 2026 meeting, administration also requested approval of an updated payroll salary chart that restructures existing roles and creates new positions within that framework. During the April 22 executive session, the governing body reviewed proposed reclassifications for the Public Service, Public Works, and Public Safety leadership teams. The Commission directed staff to bring the item forward in open session for consideration and approval, reinforcing transparency as the City continues modernizing its organizational structure.

Short-Term Rental Updates Available Online

We have updated the initial Short-Term Rental packet and renewal application, now available on the newly launched Short-Term Rental page of the City website under the **Business & Development** menu. These materials help homeowners understand the requirements to register or renew a short-term rental and remain current with the City Clerk's Office, as required by local ordinance. The page provides clear guidance, required forms, and essential information to support compliance and lawful operation within the City.

From Parade to Park: Our Army Helicopter

The U.S. Army helicopter featured in the Fiesta parade is now officially on its way to becoming an addition to Veterans Memorial Park, thanks to the U.S. Army Donation Program. While the structural design and funding for its permanent display are still in progress, the helicopter will be set in the park on a trailer with temporary fencing so the community can enjoy it within the required one-year timeframe. We extend our sincere thanks to Bartoo Sand & Gravel for generously loading, transporting, and unloading the helicopter since its arrival. This remarkable addition will enhance the Veterans Wall and stand as a powerful tribute to those who have served.

SMART TIP - An early-morning watering cuts evaporation by up to 30%, delivering a deeper soak while saving water.

OUR CITY WORKS
STATS FOR APRIL

ELECTRIC
- 9 electric poles replaced
- 5 new services

WATER SERVICES
- 18 Leaks Repaired
- 21 Active Leaks
- 2 Lines Replaced

Gallons:
- Reuse water produced 19,487,000
- Reuse water sold 8,649,106
- Reuse water to golf course 8,477,416
- Reuse water to ball fields 32,200
- Reuse water to truck fill 139,490
- Reuse water to river 16,459,000

SANITATION
Hauled 850.04 tons
Charges $47,446.90

POLICE
- 1195 calls for service
- 350 traffic stops
- 1 DWI
- 22 motor vehicle accidents
- 302 citations
- 22 arrests

Suggest Monthly Stats

Are there monthly stats you'd like to see from our Public Works or Public Safety departments? Send your suggestions to cgaston@torcnm.gov



Stay Updated on Infrastructure Projects at torcnm.gov/alerts

Over the next few years, the City will undertake a series of water, wastewater, and street infrastructure projects to improve reliability, safety, and overall quality of life for our community. Residents can stay informed about water projects by signing up for Daupler alerts—delivered by phone, text, or email—and by visiting **torcnm.gov/alerts** for current road closures and service interruption updates across the city.



Street Department during the Clean-Up

Proactive Cleanup Supports a Safer Community

The Streets Department recently completed a major clean-up of the ditch along the west side of Date Street, clearing away debris and unsafe materials that had begun to accumulate in the area. After Code Enforcement shared concerns, the crew stepped in with care, focusing on restoring the space and ensuring everyone's safety. Their work not only removed hazards but also helped reclaim the area as a healthier part of our community. Interim Supervisor Brendin Anglin is now working to install breakaway gates that will secure the site while still allowing proper drainage. If you see hazardous community conditions, please call (575) 894-7111.

Your City, Your Information: Introducing the Transparency Page

We have launched a new Transparency page, giving residents a single, easy-to-navigate place to access key public information—including major planning documents, utility and sanitation rates, and financial materials such as budgets, audits, and reports. By bringing these resources together, the City is improving accessibility and reinforcing its commitment to open, accountable local government. Explore the page at **torcnm.gov/transparency**.

$440,000 Award Moves Safe Mobility for All Project Forward

The City's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) project, Truth or Consequences Safe Mobility for All, was awarded $440,000 in federal funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support supplemental planning identified in our Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. This work will include road safety audits at Date & 9th and Date & Marie, a Marie Street corridor study, and a citywide road-sign inventory to identify Proven Safety Countermeasures and guide future improvements.

Front Header *- Scale at the Scalehouse;* ***Back Header*** *- Bicycle Lane on Broadway*

Celebrating Teamwork

The City extends a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers and hardworking staff who made our Earth Week Dump Days—held April 17, 18, 20, and 21—a tremendous success. Your willingness to step in and help truly "take a load" off city staff allowed residents to clean up their yards, dispose of unwanted items, and make our community cleaner, safer, and more beautiful. We are especially grateful to volunteers from 4-H, Sustainable T or C, Litter Pickers, Tree or C, city volunteers, and all community members who gave their time and energy. If we missed anyone by name, please know every helping hand mattered. This event showed what we can accomplish when volunteers and staff work side by side for the good of our community. Thank you all!



HATTIE — Meet Hattie! This lovely young girl, about 6–9 months old, is as gentle as they come. She has a naturally sweet temperament and greets everyone like a friend. Hattie would be a wonderful addition to any family ready for a kind, affectionate companion.