

CITY CONNECT

NOVEMBER 2025

Our Website Has Moved to torcnm.gov!

City emails still use .org, and .org links will keep forwarding you to the right place — no need to update email addresses just yet! We'll keep you posted.

City Spotlight: November Progress and Community Engagement

As the season shifts, so does the momentum of infrastructure improvements across Truth or Consequences. From the eagerly anticipated skate park and boat dock upgrades to shovel-ready waterline projects coming online, the city is investing in spaces and systems that support both recreation and resilience. The Planning & Zoning Commission continues its work to align land use with community goals, while the Public Utility Advisory Board prepares for winter operations and long-term service planning.

Civic pride runs deep in T or C — make a difference by attending public meetings or joining an advisory board. These groups shape the city's future and your voice matters.

Please note that meeting schedules will shift in November and December due to the holidays. For the latest, visit the city's calendar on the homepage.

Investing in People: City Commits to Competitive Wages

Truth or Consequences is raising the bar for public service by implementing a data-driven compensation system that values experience, education, and equity. With new tools, updated job descriptions, and a commitment to professional growth, the city is building a sustainable payroll structure designed to attract and retain top talent. Learn how this strategic shift is shaping a more competitive, transparent, and people-centered workplace by visiting the city website or at torcnm.gov/news_detail_T12_R110.php

Bond Information Now Online

The City of Truth or Consequences has launched a dedicated General Obligation Bond webpage to help residents understand how their approved bond dollars are being used to improve local infrastructure. You can find it by navigating to the upper right side of the city homepage and clicking on G.O. Bonds, or by typing this direct link into your browser: torcnm.gov/bonds. This page, along with the linked documents, offers a clear and transparent overview of the 2022 voter-approved \$3 million bond, including project timelines, spending requirements, and how the funds are being strategically invested in road repairs, water systems, and wastewater upgrades.



SMART TIP - As you enjoy seasonal festivities, remember to keep walkways clear of decorations and debris to help neighbors, visitors, and emergency crews stay safe and mobile.

OUR CITY WORKS

STATS FOR OCTOBER

ELECTRIC

- 7 electric poles replaced
- 6 new services
- Building new line for Love's Truck Stop.

WATER SERVICES

- 24 Pipe Leaks Repaired
- 60 Active Leaks
- 6 Lines Replaces

Gallons:

- Reuse water produced 19,450,000
- Reuse water sold 247,470
- Reuse water to golf course 2,097,530
- Reuse water to ball fields 386,000
- Reuse water to river 16,719,000

RECYCLING & WASTE

Tons:

- Scrap metal 14.56
- Aluminum 0
- OCC 21.56
- Waste 793.41

Thanksgiving Trash Schedule

The Recycling & Waste Center will be closed Nov. 27 and 28.

Thursday's route (behind the river) → picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 26

Thursday & Friday dumpster/poly cart routes → will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 28



Lee Belle Johnson and 4 More Projects Pitched to Legislators

In a recent presentation, City Manager Gary Whitehead and Mayor Rolf Hechler unveiled Truth or Consequences' top five Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) projects for FY 2027–2031. From wastewater upgrades to a new multi-purpose center, these initiatives reflect a bold vision for public health, safety, and long-term resilience. The city is seeking funding to bring these plans to life. Explore the story at torcnm.gov/news_detail_T12_R111.php



City Staff and Kris Leck (middle) with Commissioner Hoeppner and Noah Leck (right)

Rolling Forward: Skate Park Update and Youth Engagement

The Skate Park page at torcnm.gov/cityblueprint has been updated with new renderings and photos from the October 30 "Meet the Contractor" event at Ralph Edwards Park. Skaters met contractor Kris Leck, asked questions, and shared ideas for the new park. Community Services Director O.J. Hechler led a great discussion, including feedback on fence design and current park concerns. The turnout was fantastic, and the energy showed just how excited local youth are to help shape their future skate space.

Park Improvements in Progress—Thank You for Your Patience!

We have been very fortunate receiving grant funding for some exciting projects at Ralph Edwards Park. Over the next few months, construction crews will be hard at work enhancing both ends of the park. We invite you to continue enjoying the space while staying safe, please remain mindful of the work zones and respect the contractor's areas. We truly appreciate your understanding and patience during this time. The wait will be well worth it once these wonderful improvements are complete and ready to enjoy!

A New Era of Leak Detection: City Featured in Industry Webinar



On October 28, McKim & Creed and ASTERRA hosted a LinkedIn webinar titled *From Satellites to Shovels: The Future of Leak Detection is Collaborative*, drawing 100 registrants. Mayor Rolf Hechler joined the panel to discuss the city's experience with ASTERRA's satellite-based leak detection earlier this year. His insights highlighted how local expertise and advanced technology combined to improve water loss response. Replay via QR code (LinkedIn account required).

For the Community ANNUAL Holiday Sing-A-Long

@Healing Waters Plaza
Friday, December 19th
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Gather 'Round the Fire Pits
Live Music, Food & Drinks

FEATURING:

Hot Springs School Choir

Just Come & Sing!

No Rehearsals
Free of Charge

For information, contact:
Geronimo Trail Visitor Center
(575) 894-1968



\$22 PET ADOPTIONS THROUGH NOV 29 @ TORC ANIMAL SHELTER



#1 — This 2–3-year-old Bull Terrier mix is all love, kisses, and cuddles. Great with kids, dogs, and cats — plus he's leash and potty trained! He can't wait to be #1 in your heart!

Front Header - Fiberglass weirs at the wastewater plant; **Back Header** - Lee Belle Johnson



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CITY HALL: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 AM - 5 PM