

CITY CONNECT

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Wastewater System Planning with Colonias Infrastructure Grant

The city is moving forward with a major planning effort thanks to a newly approved Colonias Infrastructure grant and loan agreement. The funding will support a city-wide engineering study of the wastewater collection system, an essential step toward future improvements and additional grant opportunities. Learn how this project sets the stage for long-term upgrades and smarter infrastructure investments. Read the full article at torcnm.org/cityblueprint

City Shares Bond Spending Breakdown

The city is launching a public information campaign to increase transparency around its General Obligation Bonds. As part of this effort, a public hearing will be held on October 22 to finalize Ordinance No. 772, which authorizes the issuance of the Series 2025 G.O. Bonds. These funds support vital water, wastewater, and street improvements. Following voter approval in 2022, the City is now working to clearly show how bond funds—past and present—are being used. Stay tuned for visual breakdowns and updates on bond-funded projects in the weeks ahead at torcnm.org/bonds

Water Watch is Back Online

We're proud to announce the return of Water Watch to the city homepage, a tool designed to keep our community informed, empowered, and connected. This table allows residents to see where leaks have been reported, how the leak was reported, 811 service locate start and finish dates, and the final completion date. By sharing this information openly, we're strengthening trust, encouraging civic participation, and working together to protect one of our most vital resources—water.



City Blueprint Spotlight: Safety Corridor Plan

A new Safety Corridor is proposed to improve traffic safety from 9th & Date to Smith & Date, covering key areas like the hospital and school zone. With reduced speed limits and enhanced signage, the plan aims to protect pedestrians and support safer streets. Explore the full presentation at torcnm.org/city_blueprint/safety_corridor/index.php.

Pitch In for Parks, Pups, and Public Service

Make a difference in your community—volunteer with the City of Truth or Consequences! Learn more and sign up at torcnm.org/volunteer.



SMART TIP - Fall is a great time to check your home for seasonal maintenance—clean gutters, test smoke detectors, and prep for cooler weather.

OUR CITY WORKS

STATS FOR SEPTEMBER

ELECTRIC

- 9 electric poles replaced
- 6 new services
- Replaced the County fair barn's electrical service with a new 225 KVA pad-mounted transformer and 390 feet of conduit.

WATER SERVICES

- 47 Pipe Leaks Repaired
- 46 Active Leaks

Gallons:

- Reuse water produced 26,747,000
- Reuse water sold 501,156
- Reuse water to golf course 2,532,844
- Reuse water to ball fields 117,000
- Reuse water to pond 3,151,000
- Reuse water to river 23,596,000

RECYCLING & WASTE

Tons:

- Scrap metal 13.97
- Aluminum 0
- OCC 39.73
- Waste 737.91

SERVICE CENTER

- Since the start of the fiscal year in July, the Service Center has completed 17 full vehicle services, 18 tire repairs, and replaced 7 sets of tires along with multiple small equipment and mower repairs.





Goatheads: A Thorny Challenge for Parks and Residents

If you've ever been ambushed by a spiky sticker in your shoe, bike tire, or pet's paw, you've met the notorious goathead. These invasive seedpods, spawned from the puncturevine weed, are a persistent challenge across Truth or Consequences, especially in parks, alleys, and yards. With only two full-time Parks Department staff battling the spread, community awareness and action are more important than ever. Learn how city ordinances, volunteers, and even hand-pulling efforts are helping to fight back. Read the full story on our city news section to discover what you can do to help!



Tree or C New Mexico Volunteers



Have you heard of Tree or C?

We've added over 245 trees to the Sierra County canopy since 2024, and we'll be planting 150 more trees in neighborhoods east of Date Street on Saturday, November 15th and Saturday, December 6th, 2025! Want to volunteer with us to get these trees and more into the ground? Or be in the know about our tree giveaways and educational events? Visit bit.ly/treeorc, scan the qr code or email treeorc@treenm.org.



Vac Station Repairs and Regional Support in Motion

Vac station upgrades are underway, with a new engineering RFP in progress. Plans include fixing 51 pits, replacing system components, and addressing issues on Hagen Street using bond funds. A contractor from Corpus Christi also reached out, offering support and alternative solutions.

Ruidoso Recharge: City Leaders Bring Back Fresh Ideas

Select members of city staff attended the 2025 New Mexico Municipal League Annual Conference in Ruidoso. The four-day event offered workshops and networking opportunities focused on leadership, planning, and municipal innovation. Staff participated in sessions covering topics like water security, housing development, and memory-based leadership, gaining insights to strengthen internal operations and community engagement. The conference provided valuable connections with peers from across the state, relationships that will support future collaboration and shared problem-solving.

WONDERS ON WHEELS

Get ready for a museum experience on wheels! The Wonders on Wheels Mobile Museum is coming to the T or C Public Library on October 29, bringing a hands-on, family-friendly exhibit right to our community. Wonders on Wheels (WoW) is a 38-foot RV transformed into a traveling museum. Inside, you'll find 300 square feet of interactive exhibits featuring history, art, science, and culture, curated from one of the state's eight historic sites. This year's exhibit, Eight Sites, One History, invites visitors to explore New Mexico's rich past, from ancient Indigenous communities to Spanish settlers and beyond. All ages are welcome, and admission is free. Don't miss this chance to experience the magic of museums—without leaving town!



SADDLE — Your next adventure buddy! Saddle is a sweet, loving pup between 1 and 3 years old, and she's especially gentle with kids and other dogs. She's still working on leash skills, but she's picking it up fast! She loves to learn! Saddle would be a perfect match for a family that enjoys walks and adventures.

