

CITY CONNECT
OCTOBER 2026

Tara Manning Recognized as NM's Animal Advocate of the Year

Tara Manning, Animal Shelter Supervisor, was honored as Animal Advocate of the Year by Animal Humane New Mexico, an award recognizing exceptional commitment to improving the lives of companion animals across the state. Selected from numerous heartfelt nominations, Tara was recognized for her leadership, her impact on animal welfare in New Mexico, and her dedication to the community. She received the award during the September conference, where she also delivered a presentation to attendees.

City Reaffirms Commitment to Respectful Communication

The City continues to emphasize the importance of professional communication in all official interactions, including those involving the public and partner agencies. Staff are reviewing internal protocols to ensure that future exchanges remain consistent with established standards and support effective coordination. Clear communication is a core part of daily City operations, helping departments provide accurate information, respond to service needs, and maintain effective working relationships across jurisdictions. Residents seeking information or assistance are encouraged to contact departments directly through the City's online staff directory at torcnm.gov, which provides phone numbers and email contacts.

Federal Funding Clears Path for New Airport Layout Plan

The Truth or Consequences Municipal Airport will receive a full update to its Airport Layout Plan (ALP), the federally required master document that maps runways, taxiways, safety zones, and future development areas. The $582,000 project, funded through FAA and NMDOT Aviation dollars with a small City share of $6,810, will evaluate the airport's current configuration, identify areas that no longer meet FAA standards, and outline options for future expansion. With growing regional aviation activity and proximity to Spaceport America, the updated ALP will help position the City for future federal funding once the plan is complete.

Nope, You Still Can't Recycle Wildlife

Recently, an elk carcass was improperly disposed of in one of the City's recycling bins, and heavy rain contributed to additional contamination. Staff did not discover the carcass until the material reached the facility. In total, six to eight bundled bales of cardboard were discarded. To protect staff and preserve recyclable material, residents are asked to place only clean, acceptable items in recycling bins and to use regular trash or bulk-waste options for all other disposal needs. Proper sorting keeps our recycling program efficient, prevents avoidable waste, and helps ensure that valuable materials can be successfully recycled.

Front Header *- District Courthouse and Turtleback Mountain*

OUR CITY WORKS
STATS FOR SEPTEMBER

ELECTRIC

- 9 electric poles replaced
- 5 new services
- 5 Set transformers
- 200 feet of open secondary line with triplex

WATER SERVICES

- 25 Leaks Repaired
- 21 Active Leaks
- 1 Lines Replaced

Gallons:

- Reuse water produced 20,571,000
- Reuse water sold 4,279,610
- Reuse water to golf course 4,053,410
- Reuse water to ball fields 113,200
- Reuse water to river 16,290 ,000

SANITATION

- 740.48 tons of waste

POLICE

- 1116 calls for service
- 201 traffic stops
- 128 citations
- 16 arrests

ANIMAL SHELTER

- 53 intakes
- 8 adoptions
- 18 return to owner
- 7 transfers
- 2 return to field

93.18 % save rate

Your Guide to Precautionary Boil Water Notices



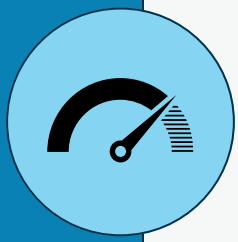
What Is a Precautionary Boil Water Notice?

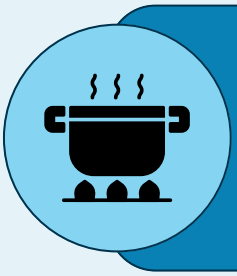
A PBWN is a preventive safety step used when water pressure drops or water quality can't be confirmed yet. It does not mean contamination has been found.

Why PBWNs Are Issued

They're standard statewide safety practices triggered by:

- Pressure below 20 psi
- Floodwater reaching wells or tanks
- Temporary treatment interruptions
- Water quality not yet verified





What To Do During a PBWN

Boil tap water for 1 minute before drinking or cooking, or use bottled water if preferred. Follow City updates for notice status.

How the City Ensures Safety

We restore pressure, check infrastructure, maintain disinfection, and complete required testing before any notice is lifted. We work closely with the Environment Department.





Staying Safe During Water Projects

As long-term water improvements continue, you're always welcome to boil your tap water if it helps you feel more comfortable. We'll keep up routine testing and post any official advisories on the City website at torcnm.gov.