CITY CONNECT

Rising Illegal Dumping Poses Environmental Concerns

The Streets Department has encountered a growing number of illegal dumping sites throughout the city, ranging from household waste to construction debris. Dumping materials directly onto soil can cause significant harm by contaminating the ground, damaging vegetation, attracting pests, and increasing the risk of pollutants washing into storm drains and local waterways. Illegal dumping also places additional burden on city resources and detracts from neighborhood safety and appearance. Everyone is encouraged to dispose of waste properly and to use approved options. Call (575) 894-6939 for questions about proper waste disposal.

Shipping Containers Require Planning and Zoning Review

City ordinances require that all shipping containers come before the Commission prior to placement, as outlined in Sec. 11-10-4, 11-10-5 and with the 2022 addition of 11-10-6. Owners with containers placed before 2022 must bring their requests to the Commission as well. Ordinances may be found on the city homepage and questions can be directed to (575) 952-0565.

City Drinking Water — Sanitary Survey & Public Notice

The City of Truth or Consequences issued a public notice to inform residents about an ongoing compliance matter under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This notice is not related to an emergency, and we want to reassure the community that our drinking water remains safe for normal use. The issue involves administrative and reporting compliance requirements rather than water quality violations, and public notification is required so customers have the right to know what occurred and what actions are being taken. We have been actively working to address all identified compliance items and have successfully resolved most of them; however, unanticipated complications arose while completing the final two compliance issues, resulting in a delay beyond our original projected timeline. We continue to work closely with state regulators and remain fully committed to achieving complete compliance. Additional updates will be provided to the public as progress continues and the remaining items are resolved.

Foch Street Project Update

Contractors continue work this week on the project, with demolition underway between Main Avenue and McAdoo, including removal of existing sidewalk, curb, and gutter and partial asphalt along the roadway edges. Remaining asphalt has been temporarily left in place to protect the subgrade until new pavement is installed. This week, crews plan to begin curb and gutter staking for the new concrete sidewalk from Main to McAdoo and start demolition between McAdoo and North Broadway, following the same process. Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the City or MainStreet Truth or Consequences.