# CITY CONNECT

## Community Cooling Center Planned as Extreme Heat Continues

With temperatures expected to remain in the triple digits and little chance of rain in the coming days, Sierra County Emergency Services Administrator Ryan Williams has been working with the City of Truth or Consequences to provide a safe, air-conditioned space for residents who need relief from the heat.

Lieutenant Jacquez of the Police Department is currently coordinating a potential cooling center location, possibly at the Main Public Library. Once details are finalized, the public will be notified through City and County social media channels, as well as the electronic message boards located at Date Street and 4th Avenue and near the Sports Complex.

As the heat continues, residents are encouraged to stay hydrated, limit outdoor activity during the hottest parts of the day, and check in on neighbors, especially seniors and those who may be more vulnerable to extreme temperatures. A simple phone call, text, or visit can make a big difference. By looking out for one another, our community can stay safer and healthier through this period of extreme heat.

## Major Funding Opportunity for Wastewater Improvements

City Commissioners are scheduled to consider accepting more than $2.5 million in Water Trust Board funding for wastewater system improvements in Truth or Consequences. The proposed funding package includes both grant and loan funding and would support critical infrastructure upgrades to the city's wastewater system. If approved, the project would represent a significant investment in the community's utility infrastructure and long-term reliability.

## Local Organizations Could Receive City Funding

The Commission is also expected to review and approve annual funding agreements with several local nonprofit organizations, including MainStreet Truth or Consequences, Geronimo Springs Museum, The Club, Sierra Joint Office on Aging, the Domestic Abuse Intervention Center, CAAT, and Matthew 25 Food Pantry. These agreements help support community services ranging from downtown revitalization and historical preservation to senior services, youth programs, food assistance, animal welfare, and victim advocacy.

## Foch Street Project Update: Week of June 22

This week, crews will continue pouring concrete in front of the Lee Belle Johnson building and in remaining curb-and-gutter areas. Additional light poles and banner poles will also be installed along the street, along with a utility pole near PurLife.

Landscape crews are expected to continue grading and preparing planting areas later this week. Street paving preparations are also expected to begin later this week or early next week as the asphalt contractor mobilizes.