CITY CONNECT

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.

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.

City Commission Updates Schedule; Community Resources Online

The Truth or Consequences' City Commission will hold only one regular meeting in both November and December, continuing the time schedule change adopted in July. Meetings now convene at 9 AM, replacing the former two-meeting format that included a second session at 4 PM. The November meeting is set for Wednesday, November 18, and will take place in the Commission Chambers at 405 W. 3rd Street; the December meeting will follow on Wednesday, December 16, also at 9 AM. Residents can review agendas in advance at **torcnm.gov/agendas**, and may submit items for consideration through the online request form at **torcnm.gov/agenda-request**. Public comment is open to all attendees for up to three minutes, with required sign-in available near the entrance at the start of each meeting.

Early Use Shows Online Issue Forms Are Making a Difference

The city's new online "Report an Issue" forms, highlighted in the Sentinel last week, are already proving useful, with residents submitting several sanitation, parks, and streets concerns directly through the system. While the current platform does not yet support photo or document uploads, staff are continuing to evaluate internal options to improve that process. The three forms can be found at **torcnm.gov/report**, where users can also learn how to report animal issues and property concerns to Code Enforcement.

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