Early Goatheads Mean It's Time for Alley Upkeep Across T or C

Goatheads are popping up a little earlier than usual this year, and residents across Truth or Consequences may already be spotting those familiar thorny seedpods along sidewalks, alleys, and fence lines. As highlighted in last summer's news article on puncturevine, these fast-growing weeds thrive in warm weather and can quickly take over if not addressed early. Under Sec. 6-78 and Sec. 6-80 of the City's Health and Sanitation Code, property owners are responsible not only for maintaining their own yards, but also for caring for the area between their property line and the curb, as well as the portion of the alley extending from their property line to the centerline. That means early-season goathead removal, pulling, spraying, or clearing, is part of each resident's responsibility to help keep neighborhoods safe for pets, pedestrians, and bike tires. If you encounter a property where weeds or other issues are creating hazards or obstructing access, the City reminds everyone to use the official Code Enforcement reporting channels to ensure concerns are documented and routed correctly: call the Sierra County Regional Dispatch Authority non-emergency line at (575) 894-7111, call the Police Department non-emergency line at 575-894-1204, or speak with Code Enforcement staff in person at 507 McAdoo Street during business hours. Using these established methods helps the City track patterns, follow up when needed, and support a cleaner, safer community as we head into another busy growing season.

Paddlers Welcome: New Dock Finished at Ralph Edwards Park

The City is pleased to share that the final finishing touches on the new Ralph Edwards Park boat dock were completed on May 21, and while the dock is now open for public use, an official ribbon-cutting is tentatively scheduled for next week. Designed for walk-up, non-motorized launches, the dock offers safe access to the Rio Grande for kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, rafts, and tubes. Vehicle access is permitted only to back down the concrete ramp to unload non-motorized watercraft; however, vehicles are not allowed to drive down the edge of the river. To protect both visitors and the riverbank, and to help guide drivers in low-light evening conditions, the City's Streets crew has installed large boulders to prevent vehicles from backing toward the water. With reinforced riprap and a floating platform built to adapt to changing water levels, the dock provides a safer alternative to walking on the rocks, and we appreciate the community's help in keeping this space safe for everyone. Stay tuned for details on the upcoming opening ceremony.

Foch Street Project Update: Week of June 1

Concrete work on the Foch Street project continues this week, with pours scheduled Monday, June 1, through Thursday, June 4, weather permitting. Crews will be pouring sidewalks, curbs, gutters, seat walls, and driveways, along with installing light-pole and banner-pole footings. The goal is to complete concrete work on the north end within the next two weeks so asphalt paving can begin in mid-June. Thank you for your continued patience as work progresses.