



THE CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE

DECEMBER 2025 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Office Closures

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Closing at Noon

Thursday, December 25, 2025 – Closed All Day

Friday, December 26, 2025 – Closed All Day

Online services for payments will be available as well as our two convenient drop boxes. www.cityofelephantbutte.com

Election Results

Congratulations to Councilor Harmon and Councilor Arnold on being re-elected to retain their current council seats. Congratulations to Mayor Elect Richard Holcomb.

Upcoming Holiday Events Across Sierra County

- **12/6/2025** – Hillsboro Christmas in the Foothills Hillsboro Community Center 10:00am-4:00pm
- **12/6 – 12/7/2025** – Monticello Holiday Store 388 Calle del Norte Monticello 10:00am-3:00pm
- **12/12/2025** – TorC Old-Fashioned Christmas Evelyn Renfro Park 6:00pm-9:00pm
- **12/13/2025** – Elephant Butte Lake State Park Luminaria Beach Walk 5:00pm-8:00pm
- **12/13 – 12/14/2025** – Monticello Holiday Store 388 Calle del Norte Monticello 10:00am-3:00pm
- **12/19/2025** – For the Community Annual Holiday Sing*A*Long Featuring the HSHS Choir Healing Waters Plaza 5:00pm-7:00pm

Code Enforcement Corner

The City of Elephant Butte would like to remind residents/property owners that with the recent time change the days are becoming shorter which means it is time to discuss lighting. All outdoor lighting shall be shielded unless it is on a motion detector or timer that is off from 10:00pm-Sunrise. Lights shall be pointed in a downward position so as to not shine light into neighboring properties. Chapter § 94 Outdoor Lighting. If you have questions regarding this or other code violations please contact city hall; (575)744-4892.

Staff Highlights

Happy work anniversary to, Jane Tinon, congratulations on 7 years!
Happy Birthday to, Laura Whiteside!

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Phillip Mortensen

Councilor Cathy Harmon

Councilor Skylar Arnold

Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner

Councilor Mike Williams

City Manager Janet Porter-Carrejo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Zoning Commission -

Tuesday, December 2, 2025,
10:00am

City Council – Wednesday,
December 10, 2025, 2:00pm

BOARD VACANCIES

The Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board is seeking one (1) board member to be filled by an owner/manager of a tourism related industry. Meetings are held quarterly with a minimum of four (4) meetings a year.

The Zoning Commission has two (2) Alternate Commissioner seats that are vacant. The two positions will each be filled with a two-year term. This is a volunteer position for the City of Elephant Butte. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month.

Please submit letters of interest to: PO Box 1080 Elephant Butte, NM 87935

Attn: Mayor/City Manager and state which position is your interest.



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THE ELEPHANT BUTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEETING AND TRAINING SCHEDULE

Business Meeting Tuesday, December 2,
2025, at 6:00pm.

December 9, 16, 23, 30 2025, are all
training nights for the EBFD Crew.

Additional training and special events may
be added throughout the month.

Upcoming Community Events

The Elephant Butte Fire Department will be participating in the Annual Luminaria Beach Walk Event at the Elephant Butte Lake State Park. This event is Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 5:00pm-8:00pm. We look forward to seeing all of you!

Fire Extinguisher Safety Tips

- P – Pull the pin
- A – Aim at the base of the fire
- S – Squeeze the handle
- S – Sweep from side to side

The 12 Days of Christmas Safety		Keep lit candles away from real trees, wreaths, boughs and garlands 1	Keep poisonous sweets and chocolates away from your pets 2
Keep your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources 3	Make sure your tree has a stable platform so it doesn't tip over 4	Choose an artificial tree that is labelled flame resistant 5	If you have a real tree, make sure you water it regularly 6
Check your lights for fraying, bare spots and kinks in the wire 7	Turn off all tree lights and decorations when not in use 8	Use an appropriate ladder or stepladder when putting up decorations 9	No matter how tempting it may be NEVER drink and drive! 10
When preparing the food, make sure you avoid cross contamination and clean your surfaces and utensils 11	Make sure you reheat your leftovers to at least 74 degrees to avoid food poisoning 12	Merry Christmas	

Be a part of the TRADITION
Be a part of the EXCITEMENT
Be a part of the COMMUNITY

Be a Volunteer Firefighter!!

Elephant Butte Fire Department Contact:
Chief Roger Long
Office Phone (575)744-5000
Cell Phone (575)740-9207

Turkey Fryer Safety Tips

To safely deep fry a turkey, use the fryer outdoors on a level, non-combustible surface at least 10 feet from any flammable materials. Always ensure the turkey is completely thawed and dry before lowering it slowly into the oil after turning off the burner. Never leave the fryer unattended and keep a fire extinguisher and protective gear like oven mitts and safety goggles handy.