



THE CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE

MARCH 2026 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Code Enforcement Corner

It is the objective of the City of Elephant Butte to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. We are quickly approaching warmer weather. The City of Elephant Butte would like to encourage property owners to take this time to start cleaning up excess trash, debris, scrap building material etc. All of these will attract pests and rodents. We have had an increase in code compliance cases the past few weeks. The majority of these cases are nuisance related with weeds, trash, dilapidated structures, junk vehicles, and development without prior zoning approval. Nuisance Code Reference: 135.06. Contact the City of Elephant Butte for more information on code compliance.

Annual Spring Clean-up Dates

The City of Elephant Butte will be hosting our Annual Spring Clean-up from April 20-May 1, 2026! This clean-up will be for yard waste only. NO OIL, CHEMICALS or APPLIANCES. The clean-up dumpsters will be located across the street from city hall. For more information contact City Hall.

Ordinance 227 – Right-of-Way Management

Ordinance 227 will be presented for final adoption by public hearing at the March 11, 2026, regular City Council meeting. Copies of the draft ordinance are available on our website as well as in person at City Hall. For more information contact City Hall.

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GOVERNING BODY

Mayor Richard Holcomb
Councilor Cathy Harmon
Councilor Skylar Arnold
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Skinner
Councilor Mike Williams
City Manager Janet Porter-Carrejo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council – Wednesday,
March 11, 2026, 2:00pm

City Council Meetings are now available by Zoom! The link to be available on Facebook & our Website!

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 one (2) Fulltime Commissioner seats and two (2) Alternate Commissioner seats that are vacant. The positions will be filled with a two-year term each. 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.**

LODGERS' TAX GRANT APPLICATIONS FY2026-2027

The applications for the Lodgers' Tax Grant Funding are now available in person and on our website. The deadline to submit these applications is April 1st, 2026, by 5:00pm.



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THE ELEPHANT BUTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEETING AND TRAINING SCHEDULE

Business Meeting Tuesday,
March 3, 2026, at 6:00pm.

March 10, 17, 24, 31, 2026, are all
training nights for the EBFD
Crew.

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



Elephant Butte Fire Department held their second annual awards ceremony banquet for all members and their families on February 10, 2026. During the ceremony there were numerous awards presented, including outstanding service award to Lindsey Cobleigh, as well as four promotions within the department. Joseph Green was promoted to Battalion Chief, Joseph Farless was promoted to Captain, Joseph Henry was promoted to Lieutenant, and Kenneth Chacon was promoted to Lieutenant. The evening was festive with the members, their families, and members of the public present. The Elephant Butte Fire Department presented the first appreciation certificate to the City of Elephant Butte with Mayor Holcomb receiving the certificate. (Top to Bottom: Battalion Chief Green & Chief Long, Lindsey Cobleigh & Chief Long, Captain Farless, Lieutenant Henry & Chief Long, Lieutenant Chacon, and Mayor Holcomb and Chief Long.)



Testing Alarms

When changing your clocks for daylight saving time, it is critical to **test all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, replace their batteries, and check their expiration dates** (10 years for smoke, 5–10 years for CO).



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