

Natural Gas News

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Congratulations to the Zia Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Survey winners!

The Following customers have won \$100 in Gas Buck\$!!

Wished to remain anonymous - Dona Ana
Stephanie Houston - Colfax
Sandra Million - Lincoln
Dominic D. - Lea

Lincoln County - South Fork/Salt Fire Update

Our customers, friends, neighbors, and employees in Lincoln County were hit hard by the South Fork Fire, Salt Fire, and subsequent flooding events. In response to the fires, we curtailed portions of the gas system to reduce the danger of natural gas fueling the fire and prevent the loss of gas. In response to the flooding, we shut gas off to meter sets. As of August 1st, we have restored gas service to approximately 97% of the curtailed system. For that final 3%, located mainly in Cedar Creek and the Barney Luck area, we must secure the gas system at each destroyed home by digging up and capping off the service line before introducing pressure to the system. Our crews are working to bring this portion of the gas system back online before the end of August. Overall, we estimate that approximately 750 customer homes or businesses were lost during these events.

The work has been hampered by flooding in the area. In response to the flooding, we shut the gas off to damaged meters sets and patrol the flood zone after each "wave" of water looking for system damage. If you smell gas, hear blowing gas, or see bubbles in standing water, please call Zia at (575)378-4277 or call local law enforcement. The emergency responders, local utilities, and state and federal authorities have been working together to keep this beautiful mountain town safe.

WARNING SIGNS OF A GAS LEAK

SOUND

Hissing noises

HISSSSS

BUBBLING

In wet or flooded areas

SMELL

Unusual odor or rotten egg smell

VEGETATION

Discolored or dead grass/plants

DRY SOIL

Abnormally dry or hard soil

Zia Natural Gas is hiring!!

Utility Accountant - Ruidoso
Customer Service Representative - Ruidoso
Operations Technician - Ruidoso
Operations Technician - Hobbs
Operations Technician - Las Cruces

You can find these job descriptions and the application for employment online at www.zngc.com or by scanning the QR code.



**SAVE
ENERGY
MEANS
SAVE
MONEY**

As Fall and Winter approach, use these simple tips to help you save energy and money as the temperatures begin to drop.

Fall is a good time to seal any gaps in your attic. Cold air sneaking in through the attic can be a big drain on energy and your wallet.

Don't forget to insulate your attic floor. 16 to 24 inches of insulation is not excessive in temperate climates. This simple home improvement will keep you warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

Make sure to have all furnaces, flues, and chimneys in your home or business inspected every year by a qualified industry professional to ensure their efficiency and safety. These are items that will no doubt be kicked into gear during the cold winter months, so now is the perfect time for these inspections.

Install a programmable or smart thermostat to help ensure that you don't forget to adjust the temperature in your home throughout the day. Regulating your thermostat can amount to real savings while keeping you warm during the winter months.

When replacing appliances around your home remember to ask about natural gas models. Natural gas water heaters and other appliances are typically much more efficient than other versions and will help cut energy costs during the winter heating season.

Look for the blue flame. If pilot lights and burners have a steady, blue flame, they are operating correctly. (Decorative gas fire logs are the only exception. Their flame is usually yellow).

Keep the areas around all appliances clean and unobstructed to allow for proper air flow.

Install one-way heat exchangers on your kitchen fan, clothes dryer, and bathroom fan vents in order to prevent cold air from leaking in and warm air leaking out.

Anytime you make changes to your home, from servicing a fuel burning appliance to changing your windows, always have a licensed expert make sure that all your equipment is operating properly – safety is important year-round.

Always use your nose. If you ever smell natural gas, leave the premise and contact your local gas company or local law enforcement immediately.



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RECIPE

Bruschetta Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 4 chicken breast
- 3 tomatoes chopped
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tbsp. fresh basil
- 4 slices of mozzarella
- 1 cup freshly grated parmesan



DIRECTIONS

1. In a small bowl, combine oil, half the lemon juice, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, and Italian seasoning (or oregano) and whisk to combine. Transfer to a large re-sealable bag along with chicken; seal and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
2. Heat grill over medium-high, add chicken discarding excess marinade. Grill until charred and cooked to an internal temperature of 155°-160°, about 5 to 7 minutes per side.
3. Meanwhile, combine tomatoes, garlic, basil, and remaining lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. While chicken is still on grill, top each breast with 1 slice mozzarella and cover until cheese is melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Top chicken with tomato mixture.
4. Garnish with Parmesan and serve.



School is back in session!!

School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more im-

portant for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ruidoso

Due to the Salt and South Fork Fires, some activities in the Ruidoso area may have been cancelled after the printing of this newsletter.

Aug 10 - The Fabulous Thunderbirds For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds have been the quintessential American Band. The thread throughout the Thunderbirds career has been the respect the group commanded for its peerless devotion & musicianship to the sounds of blues, R&B and rock "n roll and a little Cajun. Get your tickets at Spencer theatre. Time 8pm - 10pm

Aug 17 - Brewdoso Craft beer and Wine Festival The Ruidoso Midtown Association's signature Beer and Wine Festival is better than ever, with live entertainment and New Mexico craft beer and wine at Wingfield Park! Rain or shine, don't miss it! Come support New Mexico Beer, wine, food, live music and fun during this one-day festival. Time 11am to 5pm

Aug 24 - Red Corvette Get ready to party like it's 1999 with an epic LIVE performance by the premiere Prince Tribute Band Red Corvette! This band brings Prince's signature funk, rock and pop songs to the stage. Plus, enjoy a meal fit for a prince with a themed dinner before the show. See you there! Get tickets at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Time 6pm to 10pm.

Every Sat in August - Discover fresh, local foods and hand-made crafts at the Midtown Market, where artists, bakers, wineries and more converge to provide locally made products in Midtown at the Country Club Lot, located at 100 Country Club Drive. See you there! 9am to 1pm

Las Cruces

Aug 2 - 2024 Healthcare awards Gala. The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Seventh Annual Health Care Awards to recognize the tremendous contribution the healthcare industry gives to our community. Time 6pm—9pm at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum.

Aug 9 - 2024 Eggs and Conversations. This Brand New Program features an in depth conversation with business leaders. This month's guest is Tom Hutchinson with La Posta. Las Cruces Convention Center time 7:30pm to 9pm

Aug 23 - Aggies in Paradise. A luau themed dinner, silent auction and live auction. Pan American Center Time 6pm—10pm

Hobbs

Aug 23 - 24 - August Nights Come out to Downtown Hobbs for two days of free vendors, concerts, family activities and more!

Reminder: We use this section for our local communities. The messages must be non-partisan and non-religious. Non-profit organizations messages will be given preference. Please send the information to csifuentes@zngc.com before the 10th of the month to make the following month edition. Thank you.



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