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Information for Lincoln County Residents

Zia crews have been working diligently to secure and repressurize the mains in the areas affected by the South Fork Fire. We must turn off each meter and re-establish natural gas into the main gas line. If you arrive home and find your gas meter off and locked, **PLEASE DO NOT CUT A LOCK OR ZIPTIE AND TURN YOUR GAS METER ON.** Zia crews and contractors will come through your neighborhood to SAFELY reestablish service. Turning your meter on prematurely could delay re-establishing gas service as we look for possible damage to the system.

Our number one priority is the safety of our technicians, customers, and community. We appreciate your understanding as we work through this emergency. An updated outage list can be found online at www.zngc.com.

Once Zia has repaired and repressurized the lines in each area, they will hang door tags on each gas customers house. When the customer is ready for their gas to be turned back on, please call the number on the door tag and one of our technicians

or contracted plumbers will come turn your gas back on and will light your pilots for you.

For any Zia customer with an open account who has experienced the devastating loss of their home to the South Fork Fire, Zia will be automatically closing their account with no additional charges for the month of June. Our hearts go out to everyone in our beloved community who has suffered during this tragic event. If you choose to rebuild, we assure you that Zia will be here to meet your natural gas needs in the future.

Zia would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all of the firefighters, first responders, rescue crews, medical personnel, utility workers, and everyone else working around the clock to protect and repair our community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call (800) 520-4277.

Natural Gas By The Numbers

189 MILLION

Nearly 189 million Americans use natural gas because it is affordable, reliable, safe and essential to improving our environment. Americans rely on natural gas to heat their homes, warm their water and cook their food. Those numbers rise every year, making natural gas an indispensable part of our modern lifestyle.

70%

Emissions from natural gas distribution systems have dropped 70% since 1990. America's natural gas utilities are committed to even further greenhouse gas emissions. Not only are U.S. natural gas utilities cutting emissions from their operations, but they are also helping customers shrink their carbon footprints and working with other industries to reduce their impact on the environment.

20% INCREASE

Natural gas fuels our economy in many ways, including by providing good-paying jobs to hard-working Americans. Direct

employment at natural gas utilities has grown 20% over the last 10 years. Natural gas also powers manufacturing. It helps to heat and dry materials, heat factories and natural gas serves as a component to many essential products.

\$1,132

Households that use natural gas for heating, cooking and clothes drying save an average of \$1,132 per year compared to homes using electricity for those applications.

\$33B

America's natural gas utilities invest \$33 billion each year in enhancing the safety of natural gas distribution and transmission systems.

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Natural gas is an essential part of America's energy mix. Natural gas supplies nearly one-quarter of all the energy in the United States. AGA members distribute natural gas to homes, businesses, power plants, and factories.

Source: www.aga.gov/natural-gas/



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RECIPE

Macaroni Salad with Grilled Shrimp

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Juice from 1/2 lemon
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sweet relish
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 pound elbow pasta, cooked according to box directions
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 1/2 green bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- Paprika, for sprinkling



DIRECTIONS

- Preheat a grill pan or grill to medium-high heat.
- Whisk together the olive oil and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Add the shrimp to the bowl and toss to coat, sprinkling generously with salt and pepper. Place the shrimp on the grill pan (or in a grill basket on the grill) and cook, flipping once halfway through, until just cooked through, about 5 minutes. Set aside.
- Stir together the mayonnaise, relish, vinegar and Dijon mustard in a large serving bowl. Add the cooked pasta, celery, onion and bell pepper and toss to combine and coat with dressing. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Refrigerate for 1 hour or up to overnight. Top the salad with the grilled shrimp and sprinkle with the parsley and paprika right before serving.

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.

July 3-6 - Smokey Bear Stampede at the Capitan Fairgrounds. Ranch Rodeo, nightly rodeo, dance, live music and more. Visit www.smokeybearstampede.com for more information.

July 6 - Downtown Capitan 4th of July Parade. Come join this annual event, candy for kids and fun for all! Parade starts at 10am on Saturday.

July 15-19 - Giddy Up Junction Vacation Bible School at Ruidoso Baptist Church. Giddy Up Junction is a western-themed VBS where kids spin lassos, mine for gold and ride horses, complete with an Old West town, cacti and covered wagons. Kids will learn about the good news of God's love -the gospel- going to new frontiers in the book of Acts. This is for ages 4-6th grade. Hope to see you there! Monday-Friday 9 am-12 pm. For more information call 575-378-4174

Las Cruces

July - Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces Every Wednesday and Saturday, 8 am– 1 pm The award-winning, outdoor Farmers & Crafts Market spans seven full blocks of North Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces.

July - First Friday Art Ramble First Friday of Every Month, 5-8 pm The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership hosts this monthly event showcasing a dozen participating museums and galleries in the Arts & Cultural District.

July- Les Salon Des Art Divers Downtown Blues Coffee Wednesday Nights, 7 – 9 pm Spend an evening with writers, poets, song poets, essayists, and local musicians, including the Blazing Butlers, at a free weekly cultural event for the ages.

Hobbs

July 15-17 2nd Annual Zia Cheer Camp. Mark your calendars for July as we kick off three days filled with non-stop fun, learning, and cheers! It's only \$75 to join in on the excitement, with an additional \$5 off for each sibling they bring along! Campers will also receive a Zia cheer shirt and bow (included in price)! From 1pm to 3pm each day, we'll be diving into the world of cheerleading! On July 18th, get ready to shine as you showcase your newfound skills in front of your biggest supporters!(6 to 6:30) For more information contact Zia cheer 575-201-0035.

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 osaucedo@zngc.com before the 10th of the month to make the following month edition. Thank you.



HAPPY 4th OF JULY!!

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2024, in observation of Independence Day.



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