



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## El Dorado Farmers and Art Market continues through summer



Looking for something fun to do over the weekend? Stop by the El Dorado Farmers and Art Market, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every other Sunday at East Park, 100 S. Woodland.

New this year – the market accepts SNAP benefits for staple food items like breads, meats, and produce. Stop at the Experience El Dorado information booth for details.



We have a special market for kids on July 21, where Kid Entrepreneur Day will take place. This market is all about the kids. Children will pay \$5 for a space under the pavilion to sell art, baked goods, and other Kansas-made items. Some helpful tips to help your young entrepreneur prepare are to list ingredients on baked goods, be creative, and most importantly have fun. The kids will get to keep all the money they make from the market.

The next themed market will be Butler County Market Day on Aug. 18. This market will honor Butler County's 169th birthday on Aug.

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- **August 1** - Thankful Thursday
- **August 3** - Living History Day @ KS Oil Museum
- **August 4** - Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- **August 5 & 19** - City Commission Meetings
- **August 5** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **August 7** - Chamber Chat
- **August 8** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **August 18** - Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- **August 20** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- **August 20** - Library Book Club
- **August 23-25** - A Moment in Time Scrapbook Retreat @ KS Oil Museum

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25 with a free cake walk and vendors from throughout the county.

The Dog Days of Summer Market on Sept. 1 is another market filled with lots of fun. You'll find all things for your pet at this market. Here you can shop for pet items, visit the dog bakery and pet wash, and even a microchipping section.

At all of these markets you will also be able to purchase fresh produce and meat, baked goods, handmade art, and more. Enjoy lunch from the food trucks under the pavilion. We hope to see you at the El Dorado Farmers and Art Market this summer!

For more information on the markets or being a vendor, please visit [www.experienceeldo.com/farmers-market](http://www.experienceeldo.com/farmers-market).



## Drivers begin seeing work on Central Avenue Project

After a couple of delays with the contractor and some work preparing the area, the construction on the waterline on Central Avenue is getting underway this month. Drivers have seen traffic control in place already at the start of the project on East Central, near the Kansas Oil Museum.

This project is part of the \$3 million Building a Stronger Economy (B.A.S.E.) grant the city received from the Kansas Department of Commerce. The goal is to increase the carrying capacity of the water lines leaving our water treatment plant to better prepare the city to serve industrial growth to the north and west of the city in the 1,600 acres the city is marketing for industrial projects.

At the same time the improvements for the B.A.S.E. grant are being made, the City also is using a \$1 million Kansas Department of Transportation Cost Share Program grant for stormwater improvements to help reduce the potential of street flooding issues in our downtown area. This project includes a 6 foot x 6 foot underground drainage box from Gordy Street to the old Walnut River channel adjacent to the Kansas Oil Museum. The proposed Storm Sewer box will reroute a portion of the storm sewer flow from our downtown.

You can keep up with the work on our Project Page on the city's website at: <https://eldoks.com/578/Building-Stronger-Economy-BASE-Grant>, where you will find a timeline for the project, as well as the future phases. You can also sign up for email and/or text notifications so you know what to expect as you are traveling in the community.



## National Night Out to be held Aug. 6 at East Park

National Night Out is an event put on by law enforcement all over the country introduced in August of 1984. In the city of Boston. Its goal was to help fight crime and allow the community to take back its neighborhoods, they did this one summer night at a time, once a year, coming together in the evening and celebrating their community bond. It spread from Boston like wildfire, with 17,000 communities and all 50 states with cities participating in some way. Our local law enforcement's goal is to help connect with the community they are serving, create a strong bond with the public, aid in the fight of crime prevention and of course ensuring that everyone has a fun filled night. Our National Night Out is being organized by all our wonderful first responders in the area, including but not limited to, El Dorado Fire Department, El Dorado Police Department, El Dorado Correctional Facility, Butler County EMS, Butler County Animal Response Team, Butler County CERT, and 50+ sponsors.

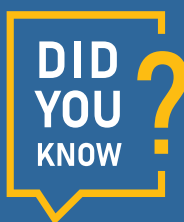
National Night Out is open to everyone in the community but has more activities catered to children and families. It will be held at East Park again this year and will feature many fun activities for kids like face painting, balloon animals, and a bounce house. Our hosts are providing vehicles for touch-a-truck so you can explore their amazing vehicles, a booth with riot gear, and Butler County Animal Response Team is even bringing their adorable K9 team out! Other activities include booths showcasing their many sponsors and business owners passing out information and items, and raffles for free swag. Delicious hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for our hungry folks with refreshing beverages.

Officer Kyle Warrington urges you to come out from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 6 for an evening of fun, food, and community to help build a bond and create trust!

COMMISSION RECAP  
JUNE MEETINGS

- The Commission approved a resolution authorizing and providing for the construction of improvements to certain athletic facilities in the City of El Dorado.
- The Commission approved a resolution setting service fees, license fees, permit fees and other user-related fees or charges.
- The Commission approved the Consent Agenda, including minutes, the appointment of Norm Wilks to the Planning Commission, the Economic Development Incentive Policy and a Memorandum of Understanding between the Butler County Sheriff and Butler County Police Chiefs allowing a shared response for large-scale events throughout the county.
- The Commission approved the rezoning of SE 20th and Bluestem from Agricultural-Residential to Residential Suburban.
- The Commission approved the Rocky Creek Meadows Plat at SE 20th and Bluestem.
- The Commission approved a request to extend the Community Development Block Grant timeline from June 30 to Nov. 30, 2024 to allow for delivery of equipment at 142 N. Main St.

Watch the full meetings at [eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos](https://eldoks.com/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos)



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