



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- Oct. 1 - Beginning Crochet @ Coutts Museum
- Oct. 2 - Chamber Chat
- Oct. 3 - Thankful Thursday
- Oct. 5 - Living History Day @ KS Oil Museum
- Oct. 7 - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- Oct. 7 & 21 - City Commission Meetings
- Oct. 10 - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- Oct. 15 - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Oct. 15 - Library Book Club
- Oct. 25 - Friends of the Library Sloppy Joe Dinner and Pie Auction
- Oct. 31 - Trick or Treat with Main Street

Sign up for event notifications online at [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com)



## 2025 budget proposal would hold mill levy steady at 57.922

After looking at a possible increase to the mill levy of up to 7.8 mills, city staff have been hard at work looking for areas to cut. Those efforts allowed staff to present the City Commission with a 2025 budget that would hold the mill levy stable at 57.922 mills.

This reduction from what was originally considered is a savings of 16 percent for the homeowner. There may still be a slight increase for a homeowner though if their valuation increased.

Several opportunities were identified to lower the need for a significant increase to the mill levy. Some of these included increasing various miscellaneous fees to offset a portion of the needed increase, as well as the option of spending down fund balance and reducing some operating expenses.

## Fire Department volunteers, Butler students take part in Essentials School

El Dorado Fire Department volunteers and Butler student residents took part in a recent Fire Department Essentials School. A total of 13 students completed the 32-hour school. It covered PPE; general firefighters safety; hose line flowing and management; primary search; victim drags; ground ladders; full speed scenarios, where they operated with a team lead; and finished with evolutions under live fire. These students now have a basic understanding of firefighting skills to continue to build upon.



As of Sept. 3, 2024, the El Dorado Animal Shelter hours have changed. The shelter will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. This will provide additional customer contact time over the lunch hour when customers have requested to be able to transact business. It also is opening an hour earlier each day.



# Gold Fest Block Party Sept. 28

[ExperienceElDo.com](http://ExperienceElDo.com)

## 9.21.24 | Saturday

### Gold Rush 10K, 5K, and 1K

1K: 8 a.m.; 10K and 5K: 8:30 a.m.

East Park | 100 Woodland

Lace up your running shoes for an exhilarating Oz Events challenge at the Gold Rush!

### Miss El Dorado Ambassadors

10 a.m.

Walters' Pumpkin Patch | 10001 NW Hwy 77

Meet this year's Miss El Dorado Ambassadors at Walters' Pumpkin Patch. Admission ticket required.

## 9.23.24 | Monday

### Medallion Hunt

Clues posted at 9 a.m. - \$500 cash prize  
Public property

Clues will be posted on Experience El Dorado's Facebook page and on the front doors of City Hall (220 E. First).

## 9.26.24 | Thursday

### Paint Night with Coutts Museum of Art

6 p.m.

El Dorado Senior Center, 210 E. 2nd Ave.

Grab a friend and create a Gold Fest masterpiece. FREE, but registration is required.

## 9.27.24 | Friday

### Karaoke at Club Vaudeville

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Club Vaudeville, 206 S. Main St.

Unleash your inner superstar on the Club Vaudeville stage!

## Gold Fest Block Party

### 9.28.24 | Saturday

#### BG Products Veterans Sports Complex South Lawn

#### Food Court

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. - Sizzling street eats to gourmet delights!

#### Artisan Market

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Shop hand-crafted treasures, mouth-watering treats and one-of-a-kind artisanal items.

#### Kids Zone

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Free crafts, giant yard games and face painting!

#### Adventure Zone

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Ride the mechanical bull, take aim in the axe throwing trailer or reach new heights on the rock-climbing wall.

#### Pep Tunnel

Approx. 12:30 p.m. - Join Butler students to welcome the Grizzlies into the stadium. Tickets required.

#### Grizzly Football

1:30 p.m. - The Butler Grizzlies take the field.

#### Contests

Throughout the block party - Take part in Pie Eating, War Beard Battle Cry or War Beard Best Beard contests.

#### Concerts

5:30 p.m. - Chase Holton; 6:30 p.m. - Shaylen;

8 p.m. - *Smash Mouth*