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The bump outs at First and Main streets were completed in March. This project extended the curb and crosswalks to allow better visibility for pedestrians crossing the street. Additional bump outs are being constructed at Pine and Main.

Discover Downtown initiative works to enhance downtown

Downtown is the heart of our community! Through a \$750,000 investment*, the Discover Downtown Project is bringing a focus to downtown - restoring its vibrancy and enhancing the El Dorado experience.

As the Central Avenue Project nears completion and full access is opened back up, Experience El Dorado is working to create partnerships to bring new interest to downtown through more murals, updated facades and an overall improved downtown experience!

Discover Downtown improvements coming in 2025 include wayfinding signs, new planters, a banner program, improved crosswalks, repairs to trash cans and light poles, alley updates and more. It also includes opportunities for businesses, including mural matching grants, facade micro grants and marketing workshops.

You can learn more about the Discover Downtown initiative at eldoks.gov/discoverdowntown and watch the video from the kick-off meeting at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZXMyF-_2xg

(*Funded through sales tax dollars and the City's General Operating Budget.)

What's Happening in El Dorado

- **May 5 & 19** - City Commission Meetings
- **May 5** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **May 7** - Chamber Chat
- **May 8** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **May 14** - Gardening for Pollinators @ Bradford Library
- **May 15** - Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
- **May 20** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- **May 20** - Book Club @ Bradford Library

Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.gov

Dump Truck Program begins April 14

The City of El Dorado will again be offering its Dump Truck Program, but with a few changes this year. The program will start on April 14 and run through Oct. 23, weather permitting.

You can rent a dump truck Monday through Thursday for \$15. If you have active and current trash service, the fee will be added to your bill. If you are moving or have a trailer park address, the fee must be paid prior to the day of delivery. There is an additional \$12 fee per mattress and box springs.

The truck will be delivered by 4 p.m., then picked up by 7 a.m. the following morning. Cancellations must be made by 1 p.m. on the scheduled day or the fee will be applied.

Trucks are available to residential property owners for cleanup of household trash or furniture. They are not available to contractors, roofers, etc or for remodeling or construction materials. (Call 316-322-4481 and ask about our roll-offs for construction and remodeling needs.)

Absolutely no tires, hazardous materials, leaves, grass, concrete (rocks) or remodeling/construction debris. You can take grass and leaves to the city's Compost Site for free, seven days a week, and all other material must be taken to the county landfill. We are offering our 2025 landfill passes (two per residential address).

This year we are accepting appliances, including refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, but they need to be placed closest to the tailgate so they can be removed first. Also when loading, limbs must be placed on top of the load. Do not overload the truck and leave the tailgate down. For questions or to reserve, call 316-322-4481 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning April 7.

What is Zoning and How Does It Affect You?

Zoning might seem like a complex topic, but it's a fundamental part of how communities like El Dorado grow and function. Understanding zoning can help you make informed decisions about your property and neighborhood.

What is Zoning?

Zoning refers to the rules and regulations that dictate how land can be used in a city. These rules ensure compatible land uses, protect property values, and support community goals. For example, zoning determines whether an area is designated for residential homes, businesses, or industrial facilities.

Common Zoning Categories in El Dorado

- **Residential (R):** Includes areas for single-family homes, duplexes, and apartments.
- **Commercial (C):** Areas for businesses, offices, and retail spaces.
- **Industrial (I):** Zones designated for manufacturing, warehousing, and other industrial uses.
- **Mixed-Use (MU):** Combines residential, commercial, or other uses in one area to promote walkable neighborhoods.

Why Zoning Matters

- **Protecting Property Values:** Zoning prevents incompatible uses, like industrial facilities next to residential homes, preserving neighborhood character.
- **Community Planning:** It ensures thoughtful growth and development, aligning with the city's goals for housing, businesses, and green spaces.
- **Safety and Health:** Zoning regulations include standards for building setbacks, density, and public safety requirements.

How Zoning Affects You

- **What Can You Build?** Zoning laws dictate what types of structures or uses are permitted on your property.
- **Property Changes:** If you plan to renovate, build, or change the use of your property, you'll need to ensure it aligns with the zoning requirements.
- **Community Involvement:** Residents can provide input on rezoning requests or special use permits in their area.

How to Check Your Property's Zoning

- **Visit the Zoning Map:** The City of El Dorado offers an interactive zoning map where you can search by address.
- **Contact the Planning Department:** If you're unsure about your property's zoning or have specific questions, reach out for guidance at 321-9100 ext. 153.

PUBLIC STORM SHELTERS

During a Tornado Warning, the following shelters will be open to the public:

- » City Hall, 220 E. First
- » Senior Center, 210 E. 2nd
(the Senior Center is ADA accessible)



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Storm Shelter Info/Tornado watch vs warning

Spring means the start of storm season in Kansas. It's important to be prepared for an emergency, including having a plan and knowing where your closest storm shelter is.

Where are the City storm shelters?

The City offers two storm shelters opened during Tornado Warnings for our area:

- **City Hall**, located at 220 E. First - Please be aware there are stairs to get to the basement.
- **El Dorado Senior Center**, located at 210 E. Second - This shelter is ADA Accessible.

** Please bring anything you need with you to the shelter, such as medications, oxygen, wheelchairs, etc.*

When does the City turn on the sirens?

- Sirens will be sounded when there is a tornado warning. These are issued when a tornado has been spotted.
- Sirens will run continuously for three minutes on, then two minutes off throughout the warning.
- There is not an all-clear signal, but you will know the threat is over after five minutes of no siren.

Tornado Safety

Before a tornado, check the forecast, sign up for weather notifications, create a plan including an emergency meeting place and shelter spaces, and practice your plan.

During a tornado, if at home, go to your basement or interior room; if at work or school, follow your tornado drill; if outside, seek shelter in a sturdy building; and if in a vehicle, get to a shelter if possible and if not, get down in your car or seek shelter in a low lying area.



El Dorado Farmers and Art Market and Gold Fest Artisan Market Vendor Applications will soon be available at www.experienceeldo.com. The Farmers Market gets underway the last Sunday of June and Gold Fest is coming up in September.