

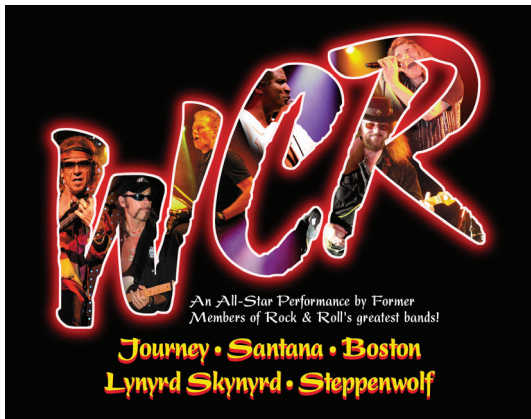


# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Gold Fest Block Party returns to downtown this year

The excitement is building for this year's Gold Fest celebration, Sept. 25-27.

See the full line-up of activities at [experienceeldo.com](http://experienceeldo.com), including the Gold Rush 10K, 5K, and 1K; Miss El Dorado Pageant; Medallion Hunt; karaoke; mud volleyball; Block Party; and more events to be added!



This year's block party concert has a legendary lineup you won't want to miss. Headlining the night are the World Classic Rockers, featuring Aynsley Dunbar – former member of Journey; Greg Walker – former member of Santana; Fran Cosmo – former member of Boston; Michael Monarch – former member of Steppenwolf; Nick St. Nicholas – former member of Steppenwolf; and Randall Hall – former member of Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Celebrating 28 years together, World Classic Rockers have created a legacy of high energy, fan-friendly, live performances that feature hit-after-recognizable hit.

But before they take the stage, the party will get started with 24K Magic, the World's #1 Bruno Mars Tribute Show. Get ready to dance and sing along to favorites like Uptown Funk, Locked Out of Heaven, Just the Way You Are, and, of course, 24K Magic.

Sign up to volunteer, become a sponsor or vendor, and get all the event details at [experienceeldo.com](http://experienceeldo.com).

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Sept. 1** - Labor Day - OFFICES CLOSED  
*Monday trash will be picked up on Wednesday*
- **Sept. 2 & 15** - City Commission Meetings
- **Sept. 2** - City Manager Listening Tour @ Butler Life Enrichment
- **Sept. 3** - Chamber Chat
- **Sept. 4** - Kansas Oil Museum Book Club
- **Sept. 5** - Coffee and Collections @ KS Oil Museum  
- Writer's Roundtable @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 6** - Saturday Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 7** - Elks Lodge Monthly Breakfast  
- Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- **Sept. 8** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **Sept. 11** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 12-13** - People of the Plains @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 13** - Pancake and Sausage Feed @ American Legion
- **Sept. 16** - Coutts Brown Bag Program  
- Book Club @ Bradford Library
- **Sept. 17** - Bells Across America
- **Sept. 19** - Homeschool Days @ KS Oil Museum  
- Live Band @ El Dorado Senior Center
- **Sept. 20** - Saturday Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum  
- Teen History After Hours @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 21** - Farmers and Art Market @ East Park
- **Sept. 26** - Sketch the Past @ KS Oil Museum  
- Teen Creative Studio @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 27** - Saturday Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum  
- Gold Fest Block Party Downtown

### Reoccurring events:

- Little Historians Story Time @ KS Oil Museum every Thursday
- Elks Bingo every Thursday evening
- American Legion Bingo every Friday and Saturday evening

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

## We've gone .gov!

The city website has changed to [www.eldoks.gov](http://www.eldoks.gov), and all city emails at changed from .com to .gov. Please update this information in your email.

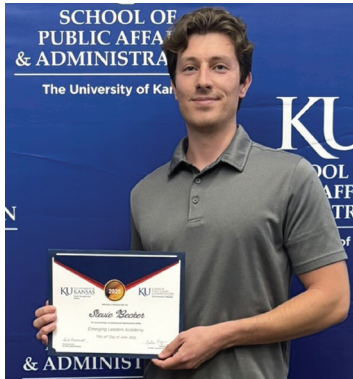
# City employees complete ELA

Three City of El Dorado employees completed the University of Kansas Public Management Center's Spring 2025 Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA).

The ELA is a professional development program for public sector employees. Participants took part in coaching sessions with mentors and developed personal leadership philosophies. They covered neuroscience of learning and leadership, strengths and strengths-based leadership, communication foundations, and conflict resolution.

Those graduating from the Academy were:

- (TOP) Caleb Fistler, a Fire Lieutenant with the El Dorado Fire Department.
- (MIDDLE) Public Utilities Department employee Curt Johnson, Chief Operator at the Wetland and Water Reclamation Facility.
- (BOTTOM) Public Utilities Department employee Stevie Becker, Chief Operator at the Water Treatment Plant.



## COMMISSION RECAP JUNE MEETINGS

- The Commission approved an amendment to the Park and Recreation Facility Naming Policy.
- The Commission approved a resolution renaming North Field in East Park to Doug Chance Field in honor of former BCC Softball Coach Doug Chance.
- The Commission approved a resolution for a wholesale water contract between the City and Butler Rural Water District 7.
- The Commission approved a grant agreement with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for a Moderate Income Housing Project at 124 S. Main.
- The Commission approved an agreement with JEO Consulting for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Safety Action Plan.
- The Commission approved an amendment to Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code pertaining to consumption on public property and an amendment to Chapter 4 creating the Gold Fest Common Consumption Area.
- The Commission authorized the city clerk to provide notice to the county clerk of the City's intent to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the proposed 2026 annual budget.
- The Commission issued a proclamation for Parks and Recreation Professionals Day on April 18.
- The Commission heard presentations from El Dorado Inc for the second quarter update and an El Dorado Senior Center presentation.
- The Commission approved the consent agenda, including the appointment of Linda Baines, Sierra Bonn, Becky Walters and Rachel Topper as board members and Shon Pinard as ex officio to the Experience El Dorado Advisory Board; authorization to purchase a street sweeper from Key Equipment and Supply for \$375,971; and the appropriation ordinance.
- The Commission approved a resolution relating to subordination of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Days Inn) approving termination and release of the guaranty agreement, approving new ownership of the developer under the Community Improvement District and authorizing other documents and actions in connection.
- The Commission approved an ordinance amending the Municipal Code pertaining to the Standard Traffic Ordinance.
- The Commission approved an ordinance amending the Municipal Code pertaining to the Uniform Public Offense Code.
- The Commission awarded the low bid to Kansas Paving at a cost of \$391,298 for the 2025 pavement surface restoration projects.
- The Commission approved an ordinance establishing certain new sections of the city code concerning a policy for the discretionary waiver of permit fees in response to damage from natural events or other circumstances impacting community welfare.

# LISTENING TOUR

with City Manager **David Dillner**

10 a.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
Butler Welcome Center  
(Life Enrichment Meeting -  
Public Welcome)



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Have you signed up for the "Get My Meter Info" portal yet? Stay on top of your water usage with the Get My Meter Info portal! This handy tool lets you monitor water use, spot leaks early, and get alerts for unusual activity - all from your computer or phone. Sign up today at [eldoks.gov](http://eldoks.gov) and take control of your water usage!

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