



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Fire Prevention Week: EDFD urges residents to know risks of Lithium-Ion batteries

With the theme “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home”, this year’s Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, highlights how important it is to buy, charge and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely. Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that’s rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode.

### Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, take time to research it. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

### Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cables that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. This could cause a fire.
- Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.

### Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.

The Fire Department encourages all residents to be aware of their devices and follow safe practices when using and charging.

## What’s Happening in El Dorado

- **Nov. 1** - Oil and Gas Legacy Gala
- **Nov. 2** - Elks Lodge Monthly Breakfast
- **Nov. 3** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **Nov. 3 & 17** - City Commission Meetings
- **Nov. 5** - Chamber Chat
- **Nov. 6** - Thankful Thursday @ Downtown
- **Nov. 7** - Music Bingo @ Senior Center  
- Writer’s Roundtable @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 8** - Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast @ VFW  
- Veterans Day Parade  
- WWII Reenactment @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 9** - Chicken and Noodle Dinner @ Elks Lodge  
- Butler Bands Musical Salute to Veterans
- **Nov. 10** - Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
- **Nov. 11** - Salute to Veterans @ First Christian Church  
- Downtown Assembly @ Charley’s Appliance  
- **Veterans Day - City Offices Closed**
- **Nov. 13** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 14** - Coffee and Collections @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 15** - Teen History After Hours @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 18** - Coutts Brown Bag Program  
- Book Club @ Bradford Library
- **Nov. 21** - Music Bingo @ Senior Center  
- Live Band @ Senior Center  
- Museum Market Day @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 22** - Museum Market Day @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 28** - Sketch the Past @ KS Oil Museum  
- Teen Creative Studio @ KS Oil Museum
- **Nov. 29** - Storytelling Recording Booth at KS Oil Museum

### Reoccurring events:

- Tuesdays - Full STEAM Ahead @ Library
- Thursdays - Little Historians Story Time @ KS Oil Museum  
- Elks Bingo @ Elks Lodge  
- Toddler Time and Builder’s Club @ Library  
- Coffee Group @ Equality El Dorado
- Fridays - Preschool Story Time @ Library
- Fridays & Saturdays - American Legion Bingo @ Legion
- Saturdays - Drop-In Activities @ KS Oil Museum

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# Gold Fest 2025 offers fun time, share your ideas for 2026

Thank you to everyone who made Gold Fest a success this year, including staff, volunteers, attendees and our sponsors! Although the event just ended, Experience El Dorado staff are already planning Gold Fest 2026 and are seeking your input.

You can voice your opinions on how satisfied you were with activities leading up to the big event, as well as the Block Party, what you liked most and more.



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- The Commission approved a contract amendment for the CDBG Commercial Rehabilitation Grant for 142 N. Main St. extending it to October 31, 2025.
- The Commission approved a development agreement with Cedar Ridge Estates subject to the creation of the CID and RHID.
- The Commission approved an ordinance creating a Community Improvement District and authorizing the project for Cedar Ridge Estates.
- The Commission approved a resolution setting a public hearing Oct. 6 for the establishment of the RHID in the city.
- The Commission approved an ordinance designating Towanda Avenue as a main trafficway.
- The Commission approved stormwater drainage improvements for the Cedar Ridge Estates Phase 1.
- The Commission approved a resolution authorizing trafficway connection, water system and sanitary sewer improvements and authorizing GO bonds for Cedar Ridge Estates Phase 1.
- Following a public hearing, the Commission approved a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate.
- The Commission held public hearings for the 2026 Budget, the establishment of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District (RHID) at 124 S. Main and concerning the proposed condemnation of properties.
- The Commission tabled a decision on the properties at 918 and 920 N. Gordy for further discussion at an upcoming work session. The Commission approved resolutions finding the structures at 937 N. Oak, 1500 W. Second, 501 W. 12th and 1125 N. Walnut are unsafe and directing it repaired or removed within 30 days. The Commission approved resolutions that structures at 1015 N. Taylor and 610 W. 10th are unsafe and be repaired or removed within 90 days. The Commission approved tabling a resolution for the structure at 502 W. 12th.
- The Commission approved an ordinance allowing a public assembly venue at 294 SE Bluestem Rd. subject to conditions in the Special Use Permit.
- The Commission approved rezoning 229 N. Washington to R-2 and amending the zoning map.
- The Commission approved establishing a RHID and approving the project plan for 124 S. Main St.
- The Commission accepted the final plat for the El Dorado Hills Business Park.
- The Commission approved an ordinance rezoning of lots in El Dorado Hills Business Park to General Business District, Light Industrial District and Multiple Family Dwelling District.
- The Commission authorized the preparation and submission of an application for the Kansas Housing Investor Tax Credit Program in support of the Adlesperger-Smith Addition.
- The Commission approved a resolution supporting the submission of a Moderate Income Housing Grant Application on behalf of Nathan Ensminger.
- The Commission approved the 2026 budget.



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