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Public input needed for Safe Streets 4 All initiative

The Need for Safer Streets

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 42,514 people were killed in traffic crashes across the U.S. in 2022. In Kansas, there were 410 fatalities — a rate of 14 deaths per 100,000 residents.

Locally, from 2019 to 2023, the City of El Dorado recorded 1,023 crashes, including one fatal crash, 184 injury crashes, and 25 involving a pedestrian or bicyclist. These aren't just numbers — they represent our family, friends and neighbors.



The City's Response: Safe Streets 4 All

To improve safety for everyone, the City launched its Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) initiative in summer 2025. Supported by a U.S. Department of Transportation grant, this effort uses data-driven strategies to make our streets safer and more accessible for all users — especially pedestrians, cyclists and other vulnerable roadway users.

The project will produce a Safety Action Plan identifying crash patterns, effective safety solutions, and opportunities for better street design, transit access, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

How You Can Help

Community input is essential. Please visit the project website and use the Pin-A-Comment Map to identify areas where you feel safety could be improved for drivers, pedestrians, or cyclists. Visit <https://arcg.is/1HbXW12> or scan the QR code.



“The Safe Streets 4 All program isn't just about traffic data,” said City of El Dorado Engineering Director Scott Rickard. “It's about creating a community where everyone can travel safely — whether you drive, bike or walk.”

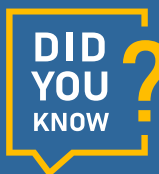
Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone.

What's Happening in El Dorado

- Dec. 1 & 15 - City Commission Meetings
- Dec. 1 - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- Dec. 3 - Chamber Chat
- Dec. 4-7 - Old Fashioned Christmas
- Dec. 4 - Thankful Thursday in Downtown El Dorado
- Dec. 5 - Music Bingo @ Senior Center
- Writer's Roundtable @ KS Oil Museum
- Dec. 7 - Elks Lodge Monthly Breakfast
- Dec. 8 - Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
- Dec. 11 - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- Dec. 12 - Coffee and Collections @ KS Oil Museum
- Dec. 13 - Pancake and Sausage Feed @ American Legion
- Wreaths Across America @ El Dorado Cemeteries
- Dec. 16 - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Book Club @ Bradford Library
- Dec. 19 - Music Bingo @ Senior Center
- Live Band @ Senior Center
- Dec. 20 - Teen History After Hours @ KS Oil Museum
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day - City Offices Closed
(Thursday trash will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 24)
- Dec. 27 - Storytelling Recording Booth at KS Oil Museum
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day - City Offices Closed
(Thursday trash will be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 31)

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
- * Check Website for weekly event changes for holidays.



Are you looking for a job? The City of El Dorado is hiring. You can find information on all of our open positions, as well as apply, at www.eldoks.gov/jobs.

Sewer averaging begins in December

To calculate your sewer rates for the year, the City of El Dorado uses a process each winter called sewer averaging.

The city averages the months of December, January and February. During these months, there is typically not irrigation or other warm-weather water activities, so this accounts for only water going down the drains from essential use, such as the shower, toilet and washing machine. This method provides a reasonably accurate method to determine the amount of water treated at the Wetlands & Water Reclamation Facility, for which you will be charged.

To ensure your rate is as low as possible, it is beneficial to conserve water use during these months, such as checking for leaky faucets and running toilets; installing water-efficient plumbing fixtures and turning off the water while brushing your teeth.

So why is your rate different December through February? During the months the city is doing the averaging, you are paying for the actual volume of water that you use.

For new residents the sewer average is based on the city's average residential sewer rate. Once you have been a resident during the winter months, you will have your own average calculated.

If you have a water leak during those months, it is important to get it fixed, then bring the receipts from the repair to City Hall and they will adjust your average so you are not penalized for that leak the rest of the year.

To calculate your own average sewer charge you can use this formula:

5,984 gallons usage in December
5,610 gallons usage in January
6,358 gallons usage in February
3-month usage average of 5,984 gallons

The current sewer rate is \$3.72 per 1000 gallons plus a readiness to serve fee of \$12.87. Multiply your average usage (5,984) by 0.00372 which equals \$22.26, add the \$12.87 readiness to serve fee for a total sewer charge of \$35.13. This will be your monthly sewer charge for the rest of the year.

Without using the averaging, your cost could be about \$40 more a month throughout the year.

Why is this charge important?

Sewer rates are an integral part of the Sewer Fund which pays for operation and maintenance of the city's sewer collection system, including underground piping and lift stations. In addition to the collection of sanitary sewer flows, the Wetlands & Water Reclamation Facility has to treat it by removing nutrients and any harmful bacteria before discharging to the Walnut River.

For questions on your rate or the averaging, please call City Hall at 316-321-9100.

Old-Fashioned Christmas

• Thursday, December 4, 3-6 p.m.

FREE Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (Location to be determined)

• Friday, December 5, 5-6 p.m.

Remembrance Christmas Tree Lighting

Bring an ornament commemorating a loved one to put on a special tree; El Dorado YMCA, 300 N. Main St.

• Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Santa in Boom Town – Kansas Oil Museum, 383 E. Central
Visit Santa in the Schoolhouse and Santa's Workshop Craft

• Saturday, December 6, 3-7 p.m.

Santa Central - 3 - 4:45 p.m. - Photos with Santa and Fresh Baked Cookies; Charley's Appliance, 130 N. Main St.

Christmas Parade - 5:30 p.m. - Starts at 4th & Main; travels south down Main Street to Ash, then west to Gordy Park

Tree Lighting - Following the parade, a tree lighting will be held at the Butler County Courthouse, 205 W. Central Ave.

• Sunday, December 7, 2 p.m.

"Nutcracker" Performance

The School of Dance will perform; Performing Arts Center, 500 W. Central Ave.

Additional public input sought for aquatic center, pavilion

The City of El Dorado is continuing to seek public input on proposed aquatic center and pavilion projects. A survey is being mailed out this month to residents.

To learn more and voice your thoughts on the proposed aquatic center designs, please visit: www.eldoks.gov/pool

To learn more and voice your thoughts on the proposed Gordy Park pavilion or Forest Park band shell, please visit: www.eldoks.gov/626/Gordy-Park-Amphitheater-and-Pavilion



- The Mayor read a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week Oct. 5 through 11.
- The Commission heard from the Miss El Dorado Ambassadors, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- A public hearing was held for the consideration of the establishment of a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District south of Towanda Avenue and west of Butler Community College.
- The Commission approved an ordinance establishing a Reinvestment Housing Incentive District and approving the project plan for Cedar Ridge Estates Phase I.
- The Commission approved an ordinance for a special use permit for a daycare and preschool program at 113 W. Fourth Ave.

Watch the full meetings at eldoks.gov/135/Agendas-Minutes-and-Videos