



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Mayor, two Commissioners sworn in to office following election

Two City Commissioners and the mayor will be sworn in during the December Commission meetings.

Mayor Bill Young was re-elected as mayor. He has been serving as El Dorado's mayor since 2019, serving as Commissioner prior to that.

Commissioner Andrew Tipton is joining the Commission this year. Tipton is a lifelong member of the El Dorado community. He graduated from Wichita State University in 2021 with a bachelor's degree in finance and returned home to begin his career in financial advising. Starting as an intern, he worked his way up to partner in a local advisory firm, becoming a business owner and employer in the community. Alongside his professional work, Andrew has been actively involved in several local nonprofit organizations, serving on boards and contributing to initiatives that support youth, community development, and public service.

Commissioner Leon Leachman was re-elected to his seat in November, which he has held since 2021.

They will be joining Commissioners Syndee Scribner, serving since 2023, and Kendra Wilkinson, serving since 2015.

You can learn more about each of the Commissioners and how to contact them on our website at: <https://www.eldoks.gov/529/City-Commission>.



**Bill Young**



**Andrew Tipton**



**Leon Leachman**

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Jan. 1** - New Year's Day - City Offices Closed  
*(Thursday trash will be picked up Wednesday)*
- **Jan. 2** - Music Bingo @ Senior Center
- **Jan. 4** - Elks Lodge Monthly Breakfast
- **Jan. 5 & 20** - City Commission Meetings
- **Jan. 7** - Chamber Chat
- **Jan. 10** - Pancake and Sausage Feed @ American Legion
- **Jan. 12** - Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
- **Jan. 16** - Music Bingo @ Senior Center  
- Homeschool Days @ KS Oil Museum
- **Jan. 19** - MLK Day - City Offices Closed  
*(Monday trash will be picked up Wednesday)*
- **Jan. 20** - Coutts Brown Bag Program  
- Book Club @ Bradford Library
- **Jan. 26** - Heritage/Gordy Page Turners Book Club

### 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.

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

## Community News

**Unlimited Household Trash**  
**December 26 - 31**  
(on your collection day)

**This is for excess household trash only!**  
**No large items.**

All items must be bagged (orange bags not required)

## Stay safe around snow plows this winter

Winter brings with it snow and ice, which can make traveling more difficult as you head to work, the store or other destinations.

While staying home in inclement weather is always best, we know that's not always possible, so we have our snowplows ready to clear city streets when needed. To keep your trip as safe as possible it is important to remember a few safety tips when driving near snow plows:

- Give our snow plow drivers plenty of room on the roads. Stay back at least 30 feet from the rear of a snow plow.

- A snow plow driver has a blind spot behind the plow, as well as on both sides. While it is easy for you to see them, they may not be able to see you.

- Snowplows also may create a cloud of snow that can reduce visibility. Never drive into a snow cloud.

Also, please remember:

- if possible, remove vehicles from the streets. This allows our drivers to clear roads from curb to curb.

Please always use caution and have patience when driving in the snow to keep everyone on the road safe this winter.

### Tips for safe travel in cold weather

- Check tire tread and pressure
- Test your battery
- Confirm your antifreeze level
- Ensure wipers and defrosters are working properly
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid fuel line freeze-up
- Pack an emergency kit, including blankets and warm clothing, ice scraper, small shovel, flashlight and batteries, water and snacks.



## Know Before it Snows

Public Works Staff and the Police Department monitor the snowfall as a storm begins. A snow response is defined when 2 inches has fallen and it is still snowing or forecasts indicate additional snow.

### Snowfall Amounts for Removal



- **Snowfall less than 1 inch:** snow removal is not necessary
- **1-6 inches:** Snow removal begins as soon as practical after snow stops
- **Greater than 6 inches:** Once snow ceases, priority streets\* within each area will be cleared before snow removal begins on secondary streets.

(\*Map of streets at [www.eldoks.gov](http://www.eldoks.gov))

### What is Treated First

Primary streets (with heavy traffic) are cleared first. Streets adjacent to schools, medical centers and commercial areas are given additional consideration. The goal is to remove snow curb to curb within 48 hours in the downtown business district and on primary and secondary streets.



### Treatment of Streets

When streets are icy or glazed, we will treat stop signs, intersections, hills, curves and other problem areas as needed.

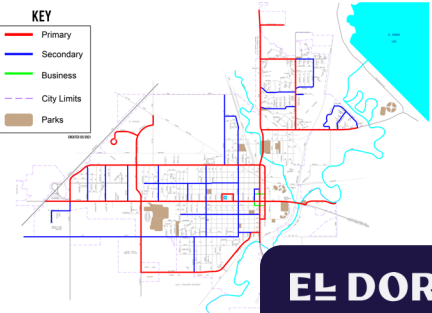
#### Continuing Treatment:

We will monitor until the event is over and treat as needed.



#### KEY

- Primary
- Secondary
- Business
- City Limits
- Parks



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KANSAS

## Animal licenses due on January 1

As we head into a new year, it's time to make sure our four-legged family members are properly licensed and protected. All dogs and cats in the city are required to be licensed and immunized with a current rabies vaccination once they reach 4 months of age. Not only is this important for community health and safety, but it also helps lost pets find their way home.

The annual licensing period runs from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. You will need a rabies certificate to purchase a license.

Licensing fees are as follows:

- Sterilized pets: \$5 (A licensed veterinarian must verify sterilization.)
- Non-sterilized pets: \$40
- Replacement tag: \$5

Getting licensed is easy - owners can purchase tags at most veterinarians' offices or stop by the Animal Shelter or City Hall and pay with cash or check.



- The Mayor issued a proclamation for Veterans Day.
- El Dorado Main Street and El Dorado Inc. presented their third quarter reports.
- The Commission approved resolutions finding structures at 918 N. Gordy, 920 N. Gordy and 502 W. 12th unsafe or dangerous.
- The Commission approved resolutions authorizing staff to proceed with demolition of 937 N. Oak, 1125 Walnut and 501 W. 12th.
- Experience El Dorado presented the Gold Fest wrap up.
- The Commission approved minutes and suspending utility service shut-offs and penalties until Jan. 31, 2026.
- The Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding with El Dorado Main Street.
- The Commission approved a resolution to renew the Neighborhood Revitalization Program for the city.

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