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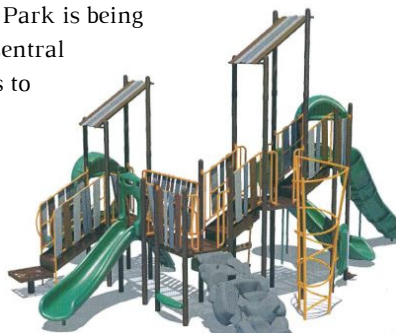
Sales Tax Dollars at Work

By: *Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk*

The one-cent sales tax provides funds for property tax reduction, street repairs and economic development annually. The remaining funds are put into an excess account and their allocation is determined by the Excess Sales Tax Committee. The City Commission later confirms this allocation. In the previous two years, the excess sales tax funds have been primarily allocated to Parks and Recreation projects to help complete smaller projects in the Master Plan. These are just a few of the projects already completed or planned for this year:

- Bike Path Lighting
- East Park Shelter Replacement
- East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- Batting Cage at Central Park
- Graham Park Shelter
- Graham Park 1/2 Basketball Court
- Riverview Parking Lot
- Summit Park Shelter
- Library Playground Equipment
- Library Park 1/2 Basketball Court
- Gordy Park Playground Equipment

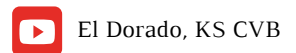
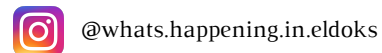
Gordy Park Playground Equipment (pictured below) is projected to be installed this spring and a multi-swing set. The equipment at Gordy Park is designed for children ages 5 - 12 years, although toddler swings will also be included for smaller children who might be with their older siblings. A portion of the existing equipment at Gordy Park is being re-purposed at the Central Park Ball Diamonds to provide children a place to play during ball games.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- February 4 & 18 City Commission Meetings
- February 24 Community Concert Series: Leon Williams at the USD 490 Performing Arts Center
- March 4 & 18 City Commission Meetings
- March 9 El Dorado Recreation hosts Mother Son Bowling
- March 11 - 15 USD 490, USD 375 & BCC Spring Break

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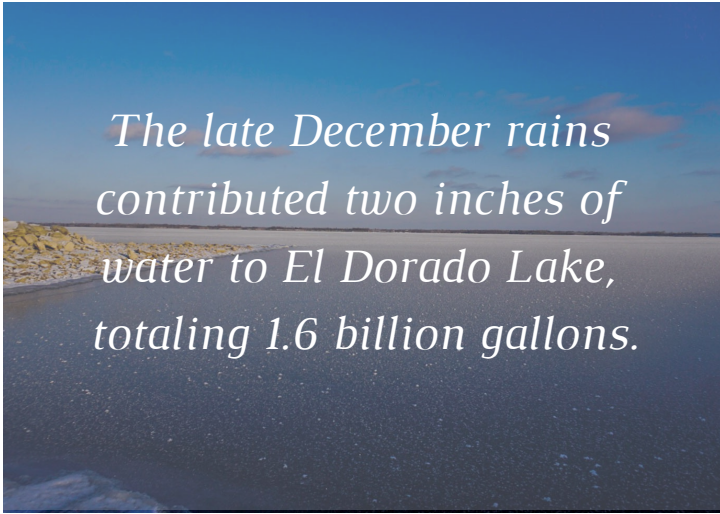


The new Library Park Playground Equipment (pictured left) is projected to be installed this spring. The equipment is designed for toddlers, and will also include a multi-swing set. The color schemes of both playgrounds will be different than what is pictured.

The City will utilize some of the street repair sales tax funds to rebuild the street on Central and Gordy after the water line issues have been repaired.

In December, the City received \$235,366 in sales tax from retail sales occurring in October, capping off a record-setting \$2.65 million campaign for 2018. The \$2.65 million generated represents the most sales tax brought in during a calendar year in the history of El Dorado's sales tax. Sales tax receipts demonstrated a robust 9.6% increase from a year ago. The City budgeted to receive \$2.5 million from sales taxes in 2018 and generated 6% more than budgeted. Based on these figures, the City will have nearly \$350,000 to allocate to excess sales tax projects or purchases in 2020.

Please remember to shop local in order to continue all of these great projects!



The late December rains contributed two inches of water to El Dorado Lake, totaling 1.6 billion gallons.

Photo By: Joy Kistler

Banners Downtown

Vibrant, red banners along Main and Central are the result of a new partnership between El Dorado Main Street and the City of El Dorado. The Banner Committee, with the help of Westar Energy, has developed a program to have banners displayed year round. The new welcome banners, along with the veteran banners and other special event banners, will add new energy to the heart of our town. Future plans will expand the banners beyond the downtown where they will serve as a welcome to residents and visitors in all areas of El Dorado.



Advisory Boards

The City Commission will soon be looking for volunteers interested in serving on various advisory boards for the City of El Dorado. Boards that currently have openings include the Airport Board, Convention and Tourism Committee, Parks and Recreation Board, and the Excess Sales Tax Committee. Applications for these boards may be found on the city's website at www.eldoks.com. You may also contact the City Clerk at 316-321-9100 or tsharp@eldoks.com for more information. Appointments will be made in May 2019.

Water Leak Repairs

By: Kurt Bookout, Public Utilities Director

You have probably noticed the construction cones funneling traffic down to two lanes on Central Avenue in the downtown area. In the early morning hours of December 23rd, a large water main break occurred on the north side of Central Avenue, just across from the courthouse. Subsequent to that leak, two more leaks occurred around the corner on Gordy Street as crews tried to isolate the first leak.

As with most leaks, the exact cause is unknown, but we do know several factors played a role. Water mains in downtown El Dorado are the oldest pipes in town, ranging from 90 to 120 years in age. They also have the highest pressure due to their proximity to the water plant. Many mains in downtown are made of cast iron pipe that may be damaged from electrolysis corrosion caused by strong electric current. A gas main near the Central Avenue water main has been abandoned and replaced with plastic pipe, although the corrosion damage on the water main remains. The City also believes that a pump at the water treatment plant caused a brief spike in pressure that likely damaged the main. The City is proactively replacing the water main in the affected areas and will also increase the size of the water main on Gordy Street from four to eight inches. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this project.

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**El Dorado Recreation
Spring / Summer
Sports 2019**

**Wichita
Heights
League
Baseball**

**Ages 9-14yrs
Registration Deadline:
February 22**

**Wichita
Heights
League
Softball**

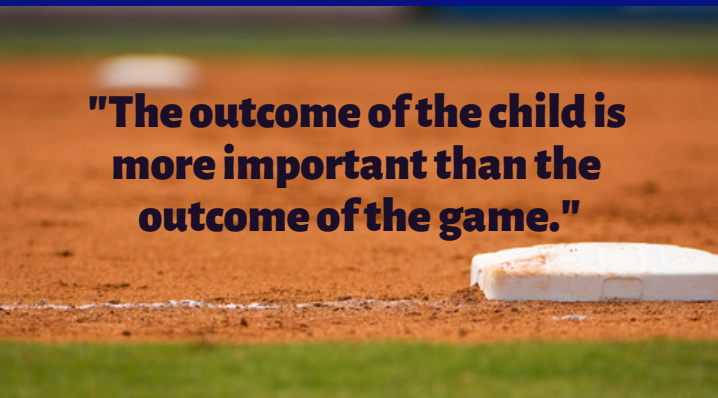
**Ages 9-15yrs
Registration Deadline:
February 22**

**Recreation
Machine
Pitch &
T-Ball**

**Grades K-2nd
Registration Deadline:
April 5**

**Recreation
Soccer
Partnership
with the
YMCA**

**Grades K-6th
Registration Deadline:
February 22**



**"The outcome of the child is
more important than the
outcome of the game."**

Registration Locations

City of El Dorado Recreation Department

220 E. First
316-321-9100
M-F 8A-5P

Activity Center

401 McCollum
316-322-7400
Hours Vary

Recreation Weather Hotline

316-322-7471

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Preventing Future Problems

Blockages or even the collapsing of a home or business service line is frequently caused by tree roots that grow into service lines, blocking or crushing the service lateral. Removing trees that grow over the path of the service lateral can be effective in preventing problems. There are also chemical products that will kill tree roots, but won't harm the tree. Never Plant trees on top of or near sewer lines.



Grease is a frequent cause of sewer blockages/backups.

While hot water may cause grease to "melt" in your sink, it quickly re-forms into a solid blockage in your service lateral preventing flow and causing backups. Please drain grease into containers such as jars or cans that can be thrown away in the trash. Cease the grease!

Private service lines (laterals) are not large in diameter, typically only 3 or 4 inches. They are intended for the passage of water and soluble waste. Flushing insolubles, such as paper, diapers, feminine products, plastic or even food and vegetable waste can quickly block your sewer line.

NON-FLUSHABLE, "FLUSHABLE" WIPES

Avoid flushing any type of wipe, "flushable" or otherwise, down the toilet, because the wipes do not disintegrate easily or quickly, and can cause a blockage in your pipes. They also clog sewage treatment equipment and cause back-ups within the sewer system, leading to sanitary sewer overflows. Typical clogs include any combination of baby wipes, paper towels, dental floss, and disposable cleaning wipes, gummed up with fats, oils, and grease. Also, never flush hypodermic needles.

To ensure the best possible service to our customers, please help us by putting trash in the trash.



Trash collected from our sewer system.

Contact Us

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION

390 E. Central
El Dorado, KS 67042
316-322-4411



CITY OF EL DORADO Public Utilities Department

YOUR SANITARY SEWER



HELP US KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN, BECAUSE WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM.

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Sewer Emergency

WE ARE ON CALL 24/7

If you are experiencing problems with your sanitary sewer, call the City of El Dorado Public Utilities Department.

**Monday-Friday
8 AM - 5 PM
316-322-4411
Or
FOR EMERGENCIES
Nights/Weekends
316-323-4987 or 316-323-4997**

- ▶ We will check the City's sanitary sewer main and let you know if you need to contact a plumber.
- ▶ We have people on standby and will do our best to get to your home as soon as possible, and in most cases within 20-30 minutes.
- ▶ Check out the Sewer Service Line Warranty information in this brochure. For about \$5.00 per month, your water or sewer service line is covered for repair or replacement.



Combination Truck (Flush/Vac)

The City of El Dorado would also like to remind our citizens, we have endorsed the company, Service Line Warranties of America. Insure your Water or Sewer services lines for approximately \$5/month.



To learn more about this program, call 1-866-922-9006 or visit their website at www.SLWofA.com.

INSURANCE

The City is not automatically responsible when a sewer backup occurs. There are many reasons for back-ups which the City cannot control.

For example, people dumping inappropriate items such as grease, diapers, and other unwanted debris into the system can create a blockage. Tree roots can grow into and obstruct the lines. Sometimes, your homeowners' insurance will pay for sewer back-ups. Not all policies have this coverage and you should check with your agent.

You can help prevent sewer backups by spreading the word, "Don't flush trash".

Even paper towels can eventually cause a blockage in the sewer system. Education is the best way to prevent damage from sewer backups.



EL DORADO

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ACCESS

Utility easements are very important, especially when it comes to sewer lines. Manholes need to be accessible in order for us to flush sewer lines. Our goal is to respond to calls within 20 to 30 minutes.



Manhole buried in a rock garden.

If crews have to spend time looking for manholes that have been covered up, it can cause delays and further damage from the sewer backup. If the Utilities Department has to remove any structures on the utility easement (fences, out buildings, plant beds, or anything else that should not be there) to gain access or make repairs, the city will give you 24 hours to remove. If it is an emergency, the City may be forced to remove the structure to alleviate the problem. Anything occupying the sewer easement is at the owners risk and may not be restored or replaced.